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BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

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A month after it elicited an outcry from some of Canada's biggest literary names, the Toronto library has announced it will no longer be buying best-selling books from patrons.

The "Sell Your books to the Library" program began as a pilot project in December to cut waiting lists for popular titles. But the policy earned a sharp rebuke from writers and publishers who claimed it was harming their bottom lines.

A January letter signed by 31 authors, including Margaret Atwood and Vincent Lam, called the plan "misguided."

Chief librarian Vickery Bowles told Metro the backlash was not why the program was cancelled.

"The pilot project was designed to test an idea," she said. "Letters from publishers and authors accelerated the review process, but they did not determine the final decision."

Bowles said the library board decided the project was too costly and did not improve customer service. She said books acquired from the public proved more expensive to process than those purchased from publishers, and the 127 items the library received through the program amounted to "a drop in the bucket."

"When you consider the fact that majority of purchases were for one or two copies of a title ... it had no impact on waiting lists," said Bowles.

The program will conclude on March 31.

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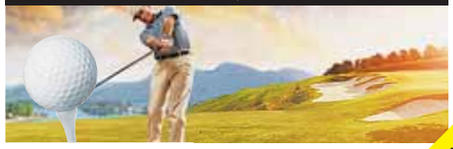

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TTC CHEMICAL SPILL

Subway delays cost riders and economy

Twelve-hour shutdown causes ripple effect, say experts

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

Delays like the one experienced Tuesday on the TTC's Yonge subway line are costing the city millions in lost productivity and eroding confidence in public transit, experts say.

The Yonge line was closed between Bloor and Union for over 12 hours, after staff discovered an oily substance leaking through the tunnel at College Station. Cranky commuters were forced on to shuttle buses or shunted west to the University line.

"There are immediate, visible costs to this kind of delay," said Benjamin Dachis, a senior policy analyst at the C.D. Howe Institute in Toronto. "People were late for work. They either have to make that time up, in which case they'll be late for their kids' soccer practice, or they'll just have to make less money."

Dachis has authored reports on the cost of congestion in major Canadian cities. He estimates congestion and gridlock costs Toronto $7 billion to $11 billion in lost productivity every year.

TTC chief operating officer Gary Shortt leads members of the hazardous materials unit of the fire department into College Station. RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The TTC's portion of that cost is impossible to estimate, Dachis said, but a 2006 report from Transport Canada suggests every lost hour of work saps $30.86 from Toronto's economy.

There are an average of 500 hours of delays across the TTC subway network annually.

"Delays like we had this morning are becoming the new normal for TTC passengers," said Aaron Manton, a member of the TTCriders advocacy group.

Manton said Tuesday's delay shows how badly the TTC needs to repair aging infrastructure and build more lines.

"If the downtown relief line had been built, there would have been an alternative route for people to get downtown today," he said.

Dachis said building additional capacity is expensive, and he would prefer the TTC adopt time-of-use pricing to discourage people from travelling during rush hour if they don't have to. Such a system would be possible once the Presto card has been fully implemented, he noted.

While they differed on how to address the problem, Manton and Dachis agreed the TTC risks losing customers if they can't reduce delays.

"Experiencing delays like this week after week undermines people's confidence in public transit," Manton said. "It's scaring them away."

METRO ON THE STREET

What were you late for today?

Wail Rahim, IT administrator
"I have to take over from the person who's there, so if I'm late they have to stay to cover for me. That, or no one will be there to take inquiries from the clients I support. And it will be on my record that I was late. I don't want that so I have to find alternatives like taking a cab, which is about $40 to $80."

Yoon Kim, sales associate
"Every time I've been late is because of the TTC — not because I woke up late or didn't get ready on time. My manager at work is really scary and threatens to write me up. And if you get written up three times, you're fired. I'm worried because I've only been working there for a few months and I've already been late two times."

Sumera Fatima, Ryerson University student
"I was supposed to help set up for an event this morning and I had to carry a lot of stuff with me, which was not easy because I had to walk from Union Station to Yonge-Dundas. I was half an hour late. Luckily, there were other people there who could help."

Jaime Martinez, sales associate
"I'm going to be late for work, and you're in trouble if you're late. My manager will either cancel my shift or give me a warning — and after enough warnings, I'll get fired."

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Bike Host program helps newcomers get in gear

CYCLING

Exploring Toronto on two wheels makes one family feel at home

Luke Simcoe
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When Carlos Magbitang and his family emigrated to Toronto from the Philippines in 2013, he was surprised by how many bike lanes the city had.

"Riding bikes here in Canada is very different from the Philippines," he said. "It's very safe to go biking here. You have all the infrastructure and the rules already in place."

Magbitang used a bike to run errands back home, but was apprehensive about cycling in Toronto. So when he heard about the city's Bike Host program, he enrolled along with his two daughters.

Now in its seventh year, the program — run by the settlement organization Culturelink — pairs new immigrants with experienced cyclists who take them on bicycle tours and other bike-based activities.

Exploring the city on two wheels helped Magbitang and his family feel at home in Toronto and allowed them to get settled without having a car, he said.

Although Magbitang would like to commute to work by bike, his office is far away in Scarborough, so he takes transit. However, his eldest daughter has started cycling to school again since participating in Bike Host.

"She saves a lot of money on TTC fares and uses it to buy other things," he said.

Ajith Aluthwatta, a settlement worker at Culturelink, said encouraging newcomers to continue cycling after moving to Canada is exactly what the Bike Host program is about. "You don't emigrate to Canada imagining you'll be a cyclist. You come here to establish a new life and a sign of that success is owning a car," he said. Getting new immigrants cycling early helps counter that "consumerist" narrative and encourages them to continue a practice that's good for the environment and their health, Aluthwatta said. "It's also just the most practical way for getting around the city," he added.

Carlos Magbitang and his family cycled in their native Philippines and credit Culturelink's Bike Host program for helping them continue pedalling when they moved to Toronto in 2013. Pictured are Carlos and his daughters Margie, left, and Justine. LUKE SIMCOE/METRO, CONTRIBUTED

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Professor works around strike, lecture held outside

Blocked from Canada's largest classroom by striking teaching assistants, a University of Toronto professor made a sudden decision Tuesday to hold his lecture outside — using a mobile microphone provided by the union — and reviewed lessons on mental illness for more than two hours to students gathered on a chilly lawn.

Psychology professor Dan Dolderman made the move to an open-air class after pickets of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) 3902 prevented entry to Convocation Hall as part of their ramped-up protest against the university's failure to meet the union's demand for what it calls structural change to the funding of grad students.

Some students were delighted by the al fresco academics.

"Dolderman's really 'chill' — he's a trouper, and he knew it wasn't feasible to get into the building, but it wasn't fair not to have the class," said fourth-year student Abeer Kedwai. "He told us that holding the class outside wasn't a political act, but it was done because of logistics, and it was a good thing."

Dolderman allowed union officials to address his students first about the strike.

CUPE 3902 voted to reject the U of T's latest offer and is angry the university is letting professors amend courses at the end of the year to adjust for material not covered during the strike. The union believes this will compromise academic integrity and wants the university to get back to bargaining. A rally of support for strikers is planned Wednesday at 3 p.m. outside Simcoe Hall by professors.

Union spokesperson Omar Sirri said the integrity of students' marks is at risk, citing one professor who told students their final exam will be cancelled and their final mark will simply be the mark they received on their first essay, on which the class average was 92 per cent.

"I feel this is the U of T's Oprah moment — 'You get an A, and you get an A, and you and you' — but for just 20 per cent of the work," said Sirri.

Meanwhile, York University presented a new offer Tuesday to its striking teaching assistants. CUPE 3903 president Faiz Ahmed said, "We are pleased the university has returned to the bargaining table. There's more work that needs to be done to reach an agreement. We are hopeful that the negotiation process will continue."

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PEDESTRIANS

Airport tunnel delayed

The pedestrian tunnel to Toronto's Billy Bishop airport won't open until late spring, as construction is taking longer than expected.

The $82.5-million project, begun in March 2012, is designed to link the mainland with the island airport, ending the need to wait for the ferry to catch a flight.

It will take less than six minutes to walk the tunnel, which spans 168 metres, or almost the length of two football fields.

The distance from the mainland entrance to the island atrium is about 260 metres.

"Factors like the brutally cold winter certainly played a role, but ultimately the work is just taking longer to complete than expected," said Deborah Wilson, a spokeswoman for PortsToronto, which was previously known as the Toronto Port Authority.

"It is a one-of-kind infrastructure project, so there is no time template," she said, adding estimates were for 24 to 36 months.

While officials had initially suggested the tunnel could open by last summer, last year's extreme winter slowed digging work, pushing the opening date into the winter 2014-2015.

Wilson compared it to building a house or doing home renovations, adding its contractor PCL hasn't committed to a specific date yet.

"The work takes as long as it takes," she said. "It's a complicated project. The scope is massive."

Wilson said the price tag won't change, adding the public-private partnership is funded by $20 airport improvement fees paid by passengers, not from tax dollars.

The moving sidewalks under the Western Gap are in place as are the escalators — which came in 18 segments — leading up to the airport's atrium.

The crane on the island has been removed, and work is under way now to seal the tunnel.

The concrete shafts for six elevators on the airport's mainland side are in, and work on installing the elevators can begin.

"We are definitely making great progress.

"We're not about to rush the work or compromise the quality of the work," Wilson said.

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Mayor will back ranked ballots for civic election

REFORM

Voters would mark first, second and third choices

Mayor John Tory has opened the door to big change in the way Torontonians choose their city representatives, throwing his support behind ranked ballots in the next civic election.

Tory said this week, for the first time, that he backs ranked ballots, assuming the Ontario government delivers on Premier Kathleen Wynne's directive to make that option available. A new system has the potential to radically change who gets elected in the city.

"I will be trying to be a leader in the entire process of governance review . . . I think change and reform are needed," Tory said on Tuesday, elaborating on brief comments he made on a CP24 show Monday.

Requested by the previous Toronto council in 2013, the change would replace the more-than-a-century-old "first past the post" system with one used by a small, but growing number of governments and organizations.

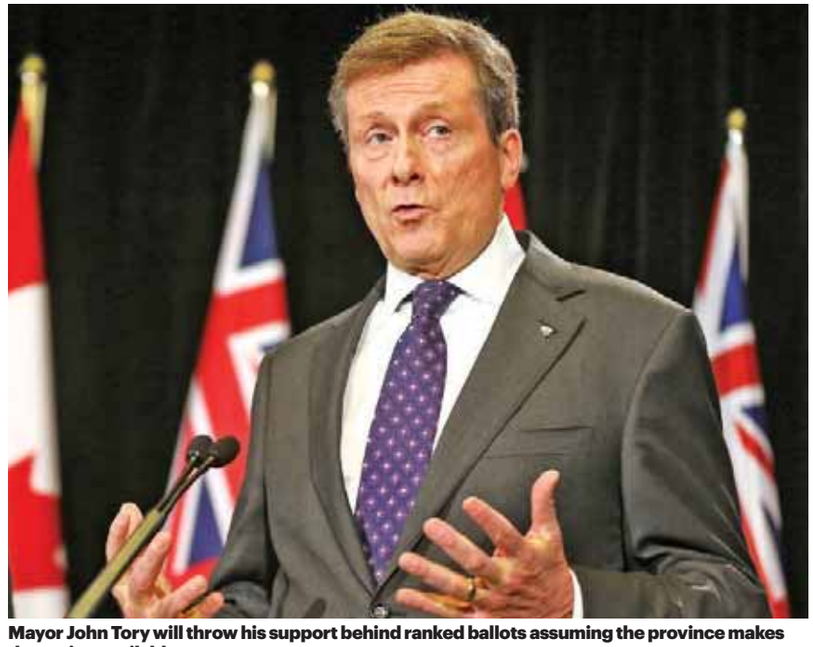
Proponents say letting Torontonians mark first, second and third choices for mayor and council, with an instant "runoff" if necessary so all winners are supported by more than half the voters, could have radical results.

They point to Minneapolis, which adopted the system in 2009 and in 2013 elected a 14-member council that is half women, including the mayor, and the first councillors of Somali, Hispanic and Hmong descent.

"It's the most diverse council with respect to ethnicity and gender that Minneapolis has ever seen," says Jeanne Massey, executive director of democracy education and advocacy group FairVote Minnesota.

"It was immeasurably successful ... We know voters understood the system extremely well and that they not only used it, they liked it and want to continue using it."

Last fall's Toronto election saw only one sitting councillor defeated, with split votes helping to pave the way for the return of many veterans.



Mayor John Tory will throw his support behind ranked ballots assuming the province makes the option available. COLIN MCCONNELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Sixteen councillors, including Tory, were chosen by fewer than half the voters.

Rookie Christin Carmichael Greb won the contest to replace Karen Stintz in Ward 16 Eglinton-Lawrence with only 17 per cent of the vote. Eight of her rivals each got more than five per cent support.

The overwhelmingly white and male 45-member council — with 14 women and seven members of visible minority communities — looks little like Toronto.

Tory told the Star that research, including conversations with Dave Meslin, founder of Ranked Ballot Initiative of Toronto, convinced him the system will promote more discussion of "real issues." He will encourage council to adopt it for 2018 after the legislature votes on letting municipalities use it.

Ranked ballots, he said, should make candidates less likely to use attack ads for fear of alienating rivals' supporters, encourage more people to run, and increase diversity on council, because they won't feel their vote is "wasted," and ensure a majority mandate for the winner.

"While this is not crucial, as I believe most people accord winners legitimacy under the current rules, it will be of some benefit," Tory said, adding he will try to forge council consensus on broader governance reform.

Meslin, now working with Unlock Democracy to build support for ranked ballot campaigns across Ontario, said Toronto should be ready to launch preparations including extensive public consultations.

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> **"I think change and reform are needed.**
> Mayor John Tory

HOW RANKED BALLOTS WORK

In our current "first past the post" system, the candidate with the most votes wins, even if the vote is split in so many ways that the candidate was the first choice of only a small percentage of voters.

In the ranked ballot system, however, voters rank the candidates in order of preference. Often, they will mark their first, second and third choices with a 1, 2 and 3. Any candidate who gets a majority of first-place votes — 50 per cent plus one — is the winner.

But if nobody receives a majority of first-place votes, there is a run-off done by tallying the existing ballots.

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WSIB

PCs slam fund use

Ontario's Workplace Safety and Insurance Board has operated a "slush fund" for years without proper oversight to make sure it's getting value for money, the Progressive Conservatives charged Tuesday.

The WSIB gave the Ontario Federation of Labour $12.3 million over 10 years to help prevent accidents, but a 2014 audit found the grant program's "link to prevention is weak" and it should be shut down, said PC labour critic Randy Hillier.

"There has never been any oversight of this fund whatsoever, no applications, no reporting and zero value for money," Hillier told the legislature. "KPMG has told you that this program is worthless. It's just a slush fund for the OFL, and it's political pressure on your ministry that is keeping that slush fund going."

Documents obtained under freedom of information show some of the grant money was spent on car allowances, gym memberships and a $44,000 staff training session at the Bayview Wildwood resort in Muskoka, added Hillier.

"That's where the money is going," he said. "It's not going to help injured workers."

Documents prepared by the WSIB show there is "no clear focus for the (grant) program" and funds were used for capital expenditures and IT maintenance in contravention of the grant agreement. "Unfortunately, due to political issues, this special condition in the grant agreement has not been enforced."

Labour Minister Kevin Flynn said he was unaware of the audit raised by Hillier, but added the WSIB did review its grant program and plans to introduce new guidelines next year to ensure it gets the value for money it should be getting.

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BEER

Indie Ontario craft breweries seeking their own boutiques

Think of it as an indie beer boutique.

With Premier Kathleen Wynne set to modernize Ontario's beer and wine retailing by allowing supermarket sales, the province's independent breweries are seeking their own shops.

Ontario Craft Brewers on Tuesday asked Wynne to allow established breweries to open at least one off-site store apiece and to let them sell one another's products.

"We believe our share could double or triple in the next few years, as our access improves," association vice-chair Darren Smith, president of Lake of Bays Brewing Co., said in a statement.

Smith predicted the change could create 1,000 to 2,000 brewery jobs and an additional four to five jobs per store that opens.

Wynne, who is awaiting advice from former TD Bank chair Ed Clark's panel on maximizing provincial assets like the alcohol distribution system, sounded open to the idea.

"I'm not closing the door on any of those things," the premier said Tuesday night.

"When I talk about ease of access, I'm talking about ease of access to a variety of brands.

While Wynne stressed she is "not going to preempt Ed Clark's recommendations," she has already ruled out beer and wine sales in convenience stores.

The craft brewers' plan is similar to a private member's bill now being pushed through the legislature by Progressive Conservative MPP Todd Smith (Prince Edward-Hastings).

Under the proposed legislation, which passed second reading last month and is being studied by the finance committee, craft brewers, cideries, wineries, and small distillers would be allowed to sell others' bottles.

The government will soon unveil a plan to allow beer and wine sales in about 300 supermarkets across the province.

Sources say the Grits will auction off licences so no single grocery chain would be allowed to purchase more than a quarter of them.

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BACKGROUND

The beer facts

The beer business in Ontario is worth about $3 billion a year.

Beer is allowed to be sold only at 448 Beer Stores, 649 LCBO outlets, 212 LCBO-affiliated "agency stores" in rural areas, and directly from small breweries.

There are about 150 craft brewers in Ontario; about 50 belong to the Ontario Craft Brewers association. About 7,000 people work at the Beer Store, which is owned by foreign-controlled Labatt, Molson and Sleeman. The three big breweries employ 2,600 Ontarians.

There about 1,000 employees of Ontario craft brewers.

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INVENTIONS

Gadget the ultimate Lost and Found

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Ryan Lamanna raised more than $5,000 the first day of his Kickstarter campaign. He hopes to raise a total of $15,000.

It's a scenario only too familiar: Losing or misplacing something you can't locate through a mobile app or a simple call.

Ryan Lamanna, of Toronto, started getting tired of it when he was a Grade 7 student. He simply couldn't put up with a TV remote getting stuck in the couch or keys being forgotten in a jacket's pocket. Since then, he has put his brains to work for a solution.

This week, the 25-year-old marketing graduate is launching Lost And Found product on Kickstarter.

"I'm just hoping it makes many people's lives easier," he said of his invention, which hit upwards of 30 per cent of the original $15,000 goal after only the first day of the campaign.

Lost and Found is a simple, easy-to-use and low-tech locator that applies radio-frequency technology to assist those who don't fancy the hassle of downloading, syncing and programming mobile apps to locate common items, said Lamanna.

The user can mount the main product, a Lost And Found home base, anywhere in the house, complete with a turning dial and a white board numbering items susceptible of going missing. Each number on the board corresponds to the light receiver tag that is attached to each listed item. Dial the number and press the red button on the home base, and the matching tag on the missing item will ring and ...

Boom!

With the working radius of 80 feet, Lost And Found can help trace items anywhere in the house or office space, said Lamanna, adding the product is also removable to track things far away. The battery powering it can last as long as eight months, he said.

"It's been so much work but a learning process for me," said Lamanna, adding the project has been his full-time job for the past two years. "I was extremely nervous in the beginning, but my friends helped me a lot, and it feels really rewarding to be at this stage."

The product's manufacturing company, ECI Technology, is located in Markham but its partners in China do the mass production for him, he said.

Ryan Lamanna is looking to find success after launching Lost and Found on Kickstarter. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

Square One Marketing Director Toni Holley and General Manager Greg Taylor pose inside a renovated area of Square One in Mississauga. Mall owners want the shopping centre to become a destination for luxury shoppers. TARA WALTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Back to Square One for Mississauga mall

BUSINESS

Shopping centre eyes makeover to luxury mecca

Erin Kleinberg is reporting from Toronto Fashion Week for Square One using Instagram and Twitter. If that piques your interest, you may belong to Square One's new target market.

The staid shopping mall in Mississauga is repositioning itself to attract fashionistas, the type of people who know that Kleinberg co-founded The Coveteur and is CEO and designer of her own, eponymous fashion line.

When Square One opened 43 years ago, it was surrounded by open fields, said Greg Taylor, who took over as general manager last year.

That green space has since filled with civic buildings including Mississauga City Hall, the Living Arts Centre and Celebration Square. Perhaps more important, new condo towers along Hurontario Street and west of Square One have brought more shoppers closer. More condo towers in the area are planned.

Under construction at Square One is Simons, set to open in Spring 2016. TARA WALTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

"Mississauga is maturing. There is a densification of the downtown. We happen to be a big part of that development," said Taylor.

Right now, shoppers see Square One as a handy one-stop shopping destination, said Taylor, but it's not necessarily top-of-mind for luxury shoppers or those looking to communicate social prestige or material success — the so-called aspirational shopper.

When its new, southern expansion is completed in the spring of 2016, Square One will house just over 1.8 million square feet of enclosed retail space, including the first Simons in Ontario (at 113,000 square feet) and a 120,000-square-foot flagship Holt Renfrew, which will launch the mall into the luxury market. The expansion will cost $237 million.

Owners Oxford Properties spent $84 million on a renovation in 2013 that added height and light to the main concourse, new flooring and an expanded food court. A $62 million expansion opened in September, adding new stores including Brandy Melville and the largest Forever 21 in Ontario.

The walkways are lit by natural light streaming in from clerestory windows. The new south wing will have the same airy feel.

"Mississauga is maturing
Square One GM Greg Taylor

The renovation includes a new emphasis on attracting professional, educated female shoppers, ages 25 to 45, who live in the GTA and love brands. Women ages 18 to 24 are a secondary target market.

To woo fashionistas, Toni Holley, marketing director for Square One, handed the shopping centre's Instagram and Twitter accounts to industry insiders to post about fashion weeks in cities as they took place in February and March in New York, London, Milan, Paris and, this week, Toronto.

"I am literally just sharing what I see and what I hope might be interesting," said Hanneli Mustaparta, reporting from Paris for Square One. Mustaparta is a photographer, director, model and blogger with a large following.

"I have never been to Toronto but I have heard from my friends that there is a really cool fashion scene."

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ROB FORD

Privacy chief calls for charges against health record snoops

Ontario's privacy commissioner is calling for the two health professionals who snooped into former mayor Rob Ford's medical records to face prosecution.

If the duo is convicted, this would mark the first successful prosecution under the province's health privacy law, which came into force more than a decade ago. On Tuesday, the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner told the Star it had referred two individuals to Ontario's Attorney General for prosecution for inappropriately accessing Ford's medical file at the University Health Network (UHN) in January.

The Ministry of the Attorney General, the sole authority with the power to launch a prosecution under the Personal Health Information Protection Act (PHIPA), said the government would not comment "unless and until a charge has been laid."

If the two snooping health professionals are found guilty, they could be fined up to $50,000 each.

The commissioner's request for action sends a clear message to all health-care professionals that it is not acceptable to "rifle through someone's medical file just because you're curious," said Ann Cavoukian, who served as Ontario's privacy commissioner for 17 years.

Privacy commissioner Brian Beamish is not considering asking the Attorney General to prosecute any other individuals involved in the earlier breaches of Ford's records, according to a spokesperson from his office.

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A hearing examining the charges against Alexander (Sandro) Lisi, a friend of former Toronto mayor Rob Ford, began Tuesday with the accused no-showing, one count against him being withdrawn, and his co-accused making an extraordinary request to be excused due to a health condition. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ford friend absent first day of hearing

SANDRO LISI

Lawyer says his client is suffering from vertigo

A hearing into drug charges against a friend of former Toronto mayor Rob Ford began Tuesday with the accused a no show, one count against him withdrawn, and his co-accused making a request to be excused from the proceedings.

Alexander (Sandro) Lisi, who was also Ford's sometimes driver, was ill and did not appear for what was to be the start of the trial, forcing a premature end to the day's hearing.

His lawyer, Domenic Basile, told the court Lisi suffers from vertigo and his mother said he had been throwing up.

"It could be a few hours. It could be a few days," Basile replied when Ontario court Judge Ramez Khawly asked when Lisi would be well enough to attend.

Ultimately, Khawly put the hearing over until Wednesday, warning that if Lisi did not appear, "all bets are off."

Lisi, 36, was charged in October 2013 as the "crack video" scandal engulfed the notorious former mayor, now a city councillor.

Lisi faced four counts: trafficking in marijuana, possession of proceeds of crime, possession of marijuana, and conspiracy to commit an indictable offence, namely trafficking.

Prosecutor Kerry Benzakein told court she was withdrawing the conspiracy charge and suggested she might be willing to also drop the possession charge.

Basile said he planned to argue key evidence against Lisi — intercepts of conversations between Bahrami and an undercover officer — are inadmissible, leaving the prosecution with what he called a much weakened case.

Lisi is also in the middle of a preliminary hearing in a separate case in which he faces an extortion charge related to efforts to retrieve the notorious "crack video."

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TRIAL

Jamshid Bahrami
Bahrami, 47, sought to be excused from the proceedings. He suffers from a chronic and degenerative form of arthritis.

With Lisi, Bahrami's co-accused, already absent Tuesday, Judge Ramez Khawly said the court won't be a party conducting trial in the absence of accused parties.

"It smacks of injustice," he said. "I will not do a trial in his absence."

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A new spin on the pin

Toronto is revelling in a reboot of curves, curls and cat eyes, courtesy of the Toronto PinUp Academy — a collective of experts aiming to draw out local women's inner bombshell through in-depth, esthetic workshops. But while pin-up culture might conjure ideas of gratuitous vanity, the women behind the movement are fighting to return to a time when every shape and size was celebrated for its sizzle. **LIZ BEDDALL** METRO

WORKSHOP

In a class all its own

Hosted at Rosie The Rebel boutique near Bloor and Ossington, the first installment of the Toronto Pinup Academy's workshop featured six hours' worth of makeup, hair and posing tutorials, which culminated in a photo shoot for each attendee. Guests were invited to pose in any garment available at the boutique or to bring their own ensemble.

STRIKE A POSE
Kitten Monroe, Marilyn impersonator and expert pinup poser, aims to use the monthly workshop to open up candid discussions about positive body image.

CREATION

Business meets beauty

Elle Guthrie, owner of Rosie the Rebel boutique and founder of the Toronto Pin-Up Academy, says she saw a need for women to share highs and lows with each other. The next event will be held May 10, with plans to host monthly from there. "This is about celebrating a woman's body and making yourself feel beautiful, whatever beautiful is to you," says Guthrie, seen here on the far left.

HISTORY

Brushing up on bombshell knowledge

Throughout the debut workshop, speakers such as hair stylist Joy Klapko, seen below in the centre, laced their seminars with historical information about the '40s and '50s pop-culture pinup phenomenon. For example, the group was taught that women regularly saved their hair in jars to use as filler for large-scale styles of the era.

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French radio station hangs on

BROADCASTING

Fundraising drive helps keep Toronto station alive

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Toronto's solo French-language community radio station has barely survived a financial crisis and is set to continue broadcasting — at least for now.

Thanks largely to the "visibility" brought about by a fundraising drive, CHOQ 105.1 FM will continue its operations for a while, as it keeps looking for grants and other sources of income, said station director Xavier Lambert.

"It looks like we are not going to sink now, but we have to be very, very vigilant in the next few months," he said.

The fundraising effort, mounted early this year following unexpected expenses from changing the station's old antenna, sourced little more than $6,000 of its initial target of $30,000.

Lambert said he is thankful for those who donated and added the campaign brought other benefits, such as the exposure on social media that has attracted more volunteers for the station and a few new local advertising contracts.

"Maybe we raised the mark a little too high there with our original goal, but the station has profited so much from this campaign," he said.

The market continues to be tight for community radio stations — it's a challenge to run smoothly and sustain a sizable workforce — but Lambert said he is determined to keep CHOQ 105.1 FM alive, if only for its importance to the French-speaking community in the GTA.

"I am a little bit more confident for our future," he said.

Currently housed in the premises of École secondaire St. Frère André in the city's west end, the station serves more than 200,000 French-speaking Torontonians, providing a variety of news and entertainment programming.

William Boivin, host of the show C'est par ici la sortie and one of only four full-time broadcasters at CHOQ 105.1 FM.
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> Xavier Lambert, station director

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50 shades of mayhem

FILM

Drunk feminist group raises a glass or six at fun film night

Jessica Smith Cross
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There will be drinking, snarky feminist critique and tampons flying through the air at a screening of Fifty Shades of Grey at a Toronto theatre next month.

Drunk Feminist Films, "a collective of feminists who would rather laugh than cry their way through representations of gender in Hollywood films," is teaming up with the Revue Cinema on Roncesvalles Avenue to show the kinky blockbuster film.

They chose to screen Fifty Shades of Grey because it's become a cultural touchstone that has generated a lot of discussion about consent and kink, said organizer Steph Guthrie.

"I think the themes are super-relevant to feminism. Drunk Feminist Films tries to have fun, accessible, dynamic feminist conversations, so Fifty Shades seems like a great jumping off point for that discussion," Guthrie said.

Before the screening, the group will discuss some themes to think about during the movie, and set out some rules for a drinking game, where people take a drink when certain tropes or quirks of dialogue happen on screen, people take a drink. There will be option for non-drinkers.

"In the book there was a scene where Christian removes Ana's tampon before he has sex with her and they cut that out of the movie, so in protest of that I think we're going to encourage people to take out a tampon and swing it around by the string instead of drinking."

During the movie, there will be microphones set up so people can provide commentary throughout the film.

The collective has hosted movie events at bars and community spaces before, but this will be their first screening at a theatre.

ON THE MIKE

Commentate at will
During the movie, there will be microphones set up so people can provide commentary throughout the film.

Gillian Goerz, left, and Steph Guthrie, right, two of the founders of Drunk Feminist films sit on the stage at the Revue Cinema, in front of the theatre's old sign. JESSICA SMITH CROSS/METRO

Pan Am needs 20% fewer cars on roads

TRANSPORTATION

Plan to speed traffic includes new HOV lanes, more transit

Ontario commuters will have to "do their part" to avoid gridlock during this summer's Pan Am and Parapan Games, which will bring hundreds of thousands of people to a region already struggling with congestion, the province's transportation minister said Tuesday.

Officials are banking on a 20 per cent reduction in traffic — through carpooling, transit use and other means — to keep delays at a minimum during the international competitions, they said, noting Vancouver reached a reduction of more than 30 per cent during the 2010 Olympic Games.

The province released traffic projections for the Toronto area based on what it expects to be the worst time: the afternoon rush hour on July 21.

Average traffic delays on Toronto-area highways at that time range from minimal if the 20 per cent reduction is achieved, to up to 20 minutes if it isn't. Most affected, according to the province, will be the westbound Gardiner Expressway through the city's downtown, which could face five minutes extra delay at best and 20 minutes at worst.

No projections were available for city streets, on which many commuters rely.

Transportation Minister Steven Del Duca said he's "confident" commuters, visitors and those involved in the Games will adjust their travel plans.

But Michael Harris, the Progressive Conservative transportation critic, called the government's goal of reducing traffic by a fifth amounts to "wishful thinking."

"Businesses still need to operate, people still need to live and manage when these Games happen, and to just expect that for every five people, one needs to stay at home to alleviate traffic, is going to create problems," he said.

> **"... to just expect that for every five people, one needs to stay at home ... is going to create problems"**
> Michael Harris, PC transportation critic

The province's transportation plan for the Games includes a 1,500-kilometre route linking venues, airports and the athletes' village as well as roughly 185 kilometres of new, temporary high-occupancy lanes on major highways and thoroughfares in the GTA. The lanes will be open from June 29 to July 27 to all vehicles carrying three people or more, and from July 28 to Aug. 18 to all those with two or more people on board.

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Ontario wants commuters to try carpooling and make use of increased transit to ease gridlock on city roads during the Pan Am and Parapan Games. ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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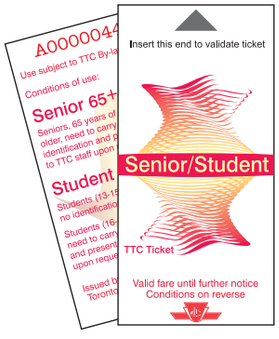

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Body dumps drug registry

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is scrapping its controversial methadone registry, which keeps tabs on recovering addicts who take the drug.

There is no empirical evidence that the 15-year-old registry ever fulfilled its main goal of preventing "double doctoring," Diane Doherty, incoming chair of the CPSO's methadone committee conceded in the college's latest newsletter.

Double doctoring occurs when patients receive the synthetic narcotic from multiple doctors with the possible intent of selling it.

Doherty also said the registry has impeded access to methadone. For example, some physicians would not commence methadone treatment on new patients until the college checked the registry to ensure those patients weren't being treated elsewhere.

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Docs seek conscience clarity

HEALTH

Physicians ask court to strike down law on religious basis

With physician-assisted suicide on the horizon, the Christian Medical and Dental Society of Canada is asking the Ontario Superior Court to declare that a new regulatory policy infringes upon doctors' freedom of conscience.

The society, which represents close to 1,700 members, filed documents in court on Friday regarding the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario's Professional Obligations and Human Rights policy that was announced on March 6.

The CPSO policy means doctors who refuse to refer patients for services on religious and moral grounds, including abortions, could face discipline from their regulating body.

"Our big concern is euthanasia, which is right around the corner," said Larry Worthen, CMDS executive director.

"It will be legal in one form or another sometime next year, and so our members are really concerned because this policy will also really involve euthanasia as well. That will impact numerous physicians, in numerous specialties."

Dr. Michelle Korvemaker, a Woodstock physician, left; Christian Medical and Dental Society executive director Larry Worthen; and Dr. Diane Haak, president of CMDS, announce they are seeking court protection from a new Professional Obligations and Human Rights policy from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. LAUREN PELLEY/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The application, also supported by the Canadian Federation of Catholic Physicians' Societies and several individual doctors, asks the court to declare that portions of the policy breach sections of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Meanwhile, the college said it will "vigorously defend" the policy.

"We believe the policy strikes the appropriate balance between physicians' charter rights, their professional and ethical obligations and the expectations of the public," it said in a statement.

The policy does not require physicians to perform procedures or provide treatments to which they object on religious or moral grounds, except during a medical emergency, the statement noted.

"For us, referral is a facilitation," Worthen said. He suggested that self-referrals by patients currently work well for issues such as abortion.

At Queen's Park, Health Minister Eric Hoskins said the CPSO's position is a compromise balancing the rights of doctors with religious or moral beliefs under the charter with patients' rights to prompt referrals.

"They've been given an alternative," Hoskins said. "None of this is forcing anything ... all that's required of them is providing timely access to another health-care professional."

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Descendants of Richard III, Michael Ibsen, left, his brother Jeff, right, and Wendy Duldig place white roses on a coffin bearing the remains of Richard III. RUI VIEIRA/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

Building a coffin for King Richard

HISTORY

Descendant of the long-dead monarch is a cabinetmaker

A Canadian-born cabinetmaker whose DNA helped identify the remains of King Richard III after they were excavated from under a British parking lot is now helping to ensure his famous ancestor has a resting place fit for royalty.

Michael Ibsen, 57, has personally designed and built the coffin in which the controversial 15th-century monarch will be reinterred later this week.

It was Ibsen's DNA that initially helped identify the bones unearthed by researchers at the University of Leicester in 2012. Ibsen, who is a 17th-generation descendant of Richard's older sister, Anne of York, agreed to allow his genetic profile to be compared with the historic skeleton.

Geneticists said Ibsen shares a rare strain of mitochondrial DNA with the remains, proving "beyond reasonable doubt" that the king's body had finally been found after centuries of speculation.

Ibsen said he had never built a coffin over his 25-year career as a furniture maker, but said his personal ties to the oft-maligned monarch made this project feel very appropriate.

"It's sort of a unique privilege to be asked to do such a thing," Ibsen said in a telephone interview with The Canadian Press from Leicestershire, U.K. "It seemed sort of a logical thing to do. There's a certain symmetry to it."

Ibsen was approached to build the royal casket by officials at Leicester Cathedral, which will be Richard's official resting place after Thursday's ceremony.

Ibsen then undertook several weeks of research to ensure the design would live up to both practical and traditional requirements.

After consulting with a historian specializing in royal burial practices, he decided to build the casket out of both English oak and English yew.

The two types of wood are strong enough to contain both the 60-kilogram lead liner that will protect the king's corpse and the embroidered pall that will decorate the outside.

Just as importantly, Ibsen said, is the fact that both substances pay homage to aspects of British culture and Richard's own historical period. "English oak would have been used for a high-status coffin like this, but also oak is sort of imbedded in the English psyche as a traditional wood," he said. "Yew was used for English longbows, and also it tends to be found in churchyards."

Ibsen said the casket was cut to size of the vault.

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BACKGROUND

Richard III

Thursday's interment ceremony will be a marked departure from Richard's first burial in 1485, which came at the end of a tumultuous, two-year reign. After his death, historians writing under the victorious Tudors comprehensively trashed Richard's reputation, accusing him of myriad crimes — most famously the murder of his two young nephews. His image was further tarnished in William Shakespeare's play Richard III, which depicts the last Plantagenet king as a bloodthirsty monster with physical deformities and equally flawed morals.

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Heyman ends his first year upbeat

CANADA-U.S.

U.S. ambassador to Canada wants to focus on the positive aspects

The U.S. ambassador to Canada concludes the first year of his posting acutely aware that a single irritant over an oil pipeline has grabbed so much attention in the Canada-U.S. relationship.

"I have noticed that. I definitely have," Bruce Heyman said this week during a trip to Washington, with his first year as ambassador drawing to a close.

Indeed, the irritant in question is so well known that Heyman doesn't even need to refer to Keystone XL by name: "I think the U.S. government is very aware of the Canadian position with regard to the pipeline."

Any doubt was extinguished early in his tenure. There was a testy exchange with former ambassador to Washington Frank McKenna at an initial public event in Ottawa. Meetings with Prime Minister Stephen Harper were rare.

The Prime Minister's Office says they've met twice, while the U.S. side notes they've met on different occasions when American cabinet secretaries were visiting Ottawa.

Heyman is keen to accentuate the positive: shared international projects, like fighting ISIL and Ebola; last week's historic border agreement on pre-clearance; countless cultural exchanges; the world's biggest bilateral trading relationship.

He says he's getting a great reception across Canada and has been meeting with community leaders, business people, premiers, and government officials in Ottawa.

"I'm having the meetings that are necessary for me to have. I feel very comfortable that we're driving outcomes in our bilateral relationship," Heyman said Monday. "I can't be distracted by some of those things that are there. I have to just get up every day, doing the very best I can on behalf of our two countries."

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MONTREAL HELL'S ANGELS KINGPIN'S SON Bordeaux Prison is seen on Tuesday morning. A search is under way for Francis Boucher, the son of former Hells Angels kingpin Maurice (Mom) Boucher, after he left a Montreal prison prematurely. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Quebec man pleads guilty to underage-sex charges

U.S. authorities say a Canadian man has pleaded guilty to charges that he travelled to Florida to have sex with someone he believed was an underage boy.

Rene Roberge of Sherbrooke, Que., pleaded guilty to four counts Monday during a court hearing in Miami. Two of the counts include mandatory minimum sentences of 10 years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEWFOUNDLAND

Woman gives birth on flight to Qatar

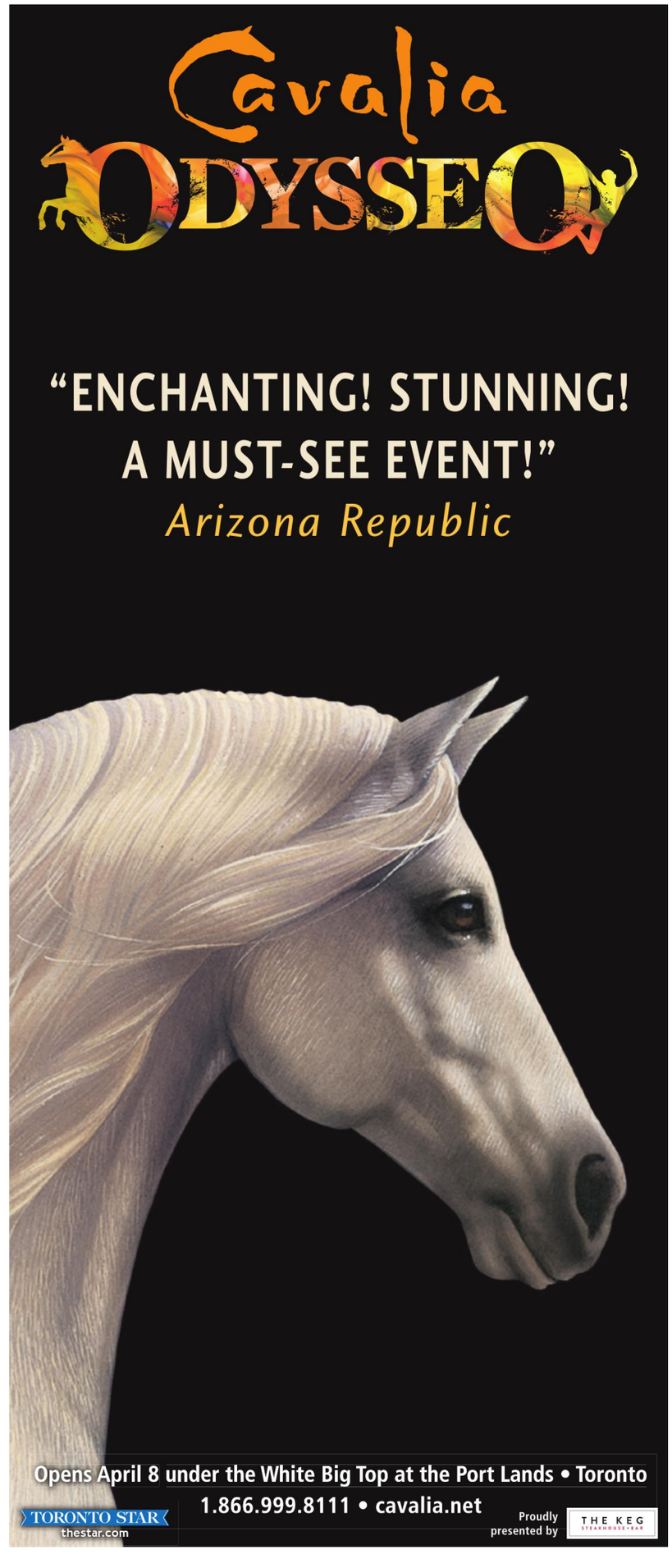
The passenger load on a Qatar Airways flight grew by one when a woman went into labour and delivered her baby before the aircraft touched down.

The Boeing 777 was heading to the capital of Qatar from Miami when it was diverted to Gander International Airport in central Newfoundland to make an emergency landing Monday.

Brian Hicks, the airport's safety manager, says the airport was notified at about 4:30 a.m. that the plane, carrying 337 passengers, needed to land.

He says the baby was born about 30 minutes later before the plane touched down, with two doctors on board helping with the delivery.

Hicks says paramedics met the aircraft and took the mother and baby to the hospital nearby, where they were said to be doing well. THE CANADIAN PRESS



THE SELF-SURVEILLANCE GENERATION — PART I

The teen code

How kids make their own rules for online behaviour

Social media has gone beyond a sharing tool for teenagers — it's also become a way to manage reputations and make the right impression. JEFF HARPER/METRO IN HALIFAX

Stephanie Taylor
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It was the day after a party when Marlisa first saw the video.

Recordings of the 17-year-old vomiting at a high-school party from January began circulating through Snapchat. Despite the fact the app is designed to erase messages, teens figured out ways to save photos.

Because she was drunk, the Halifax teen says, she has little memory of what happened.

"I was like, 'Oh my God,' but I didn't feel bad because I was drunk, so like there's an excuse," she says. "Because I'm of the age of, like, this is what you would expect."

Today, nearly 100 per cent of Grade 11 students have a Facebook account, according to a 2014 study by MediaSmarts, a group dedicated to researching digital literacy issues among young Canadians. Roughly 85 per cent of students own a cellphone. That puts at their fingertips the ability to manage their reputation — and each other's — leading to a culture in which teens are now policing teens, choosing when and if to capture and broadcast each other's youthful indiscretions.

> **One of the drawbacks of connecting through digital technology is that it's always on. It's sort of like being at the mall 24 hours a day.**
> Matt Johnson,
> director of education at MediaSmarts

A code among peers

When it comes to posting a photo of a peer, Halifax teens Morgan and Rachel have a checklist: first, are you friends with this person? And second, does the photo make them look good?

If the answer to either is "no," an unspoken courtesy exists to ask a person's permission first, a gesture both girls say they do and expect done in return.

In a recent study of more than 5,000 teens, nine out of 10 said they expect to be asked permission before someone posts their photo online if it could be considered negative, says Matthew Johnson, director of education for MediaSmarts.

Teens are aware of the risks of sharing online material, Johnson says. He notes the exhaustive lengths most teens undergo to customize their privacy settings and delete content to curate their accounts so as not to cause trouble with parents and maintain a "perfect" image to their peers.

84%

In a 2014 MediaSmarts study of more than 5,000 Canadian teens, 84 per cent said they had at least one rule when it came to Internet access.

Johnson says this is why apps that promise temporality like Snapchat — in which photo and video messages vanish after viewing them — are soaring in popularity among teens because they are an "escape valve" from the demands of their self-surveillance.

"It removes that need to think very carefully about the impression that you're making. It lets you be casual in a way that you really can't with Facebook or Twitter where something is expected to be permanent."

Teens and permanence

Digital permanence is the most difficult lesson for teens to learn in digital literacy, Johnson says.

"Obviously permanence is general and is a difficult idea for teens. It's not in their nature to see too far beyond the horizon."

He said most teens grasp the basics: online content can be viewed by unintended third parties and then copied and reproduced without their knowledge. But the crux of the problem today is the struggle to get teens to see long-term consequences of what they post online, not simply what their friends might think.

Learning where to draw the line or what to share and with whom is all the harder to navigate for a generation whose communication also happens digitally, says Larry Borins, a clinical psychologist in Toronto.

"(Social media) is platform to get attention," Borins said. "It's a microphone — more like a megaphone. Anything that is expressed off-screen is just amplified on-screen."

'The past is the past, right?'

Laura pauses from sending a text to explain that as an exchange student from Colombia, she was advised to purge her online accounts of any inappropriate material before coming to Halifax.

"Here, you come to a host family. They don't know you. So they're going through your Facebook. You don't want them to see you drinking or partying or anything like that," Laura says. "If there's a picture of you drinking, you wouldn't want it on your Facebook because you could go home."

The table of four at this Halifax high school erupts in a round of "Oh yeah"s when I ask if they will be embarrassed by what they see of themselves online by the time they're my age.

"No regrets for that," says Pietro.

"The past is the past, right?"

Borins is as stumped as other experts when it comes to whether young people can afford to make mistakes in an age when their actions can be recorded and shared virally and what that effect will have on them as adults.

67%

Research shows that 67 per cent of girls aged 15 to 17 are likely to post pictures of themselves or friends, compared to 48 per cent of boys the same age.

"Adolescence is all about learning from mistakes and taking risks," he says. "Teens are stepping out into the unknown and they're learning stuff about themselves through that process."

One possibility is young people may find themselves afraid to take as many risks — a hard but necessary reality he speculates will be required to meet the demands of an increasingly online world.

"Once it's printed, once it's out there, you can't retract it; you can't take it down," he says.

However, Johnson says that unlike in previous generations, teenagers' friends (along with their antics) are now colliding with their family and employers as never before through social media, which could lead to a sort of normalization.

Having said that, his answer to resolving issues around online permanence is simple: better education.

"As parents we have to recognize that teaching (teens) to curate their online identity is also teaching them to be able to hide things from us," he says, noting that's a natural part of adolescence.

"That's why it's so important at the same time as we teach them to manage their online privacy, we also make sure to respect their online privacy and reassure them that we have their back, rather than spying over their shoulder."

IN metro TOMORROW

PART II: Age of anxiety
With social media, teens are now taking experimentation with their identity online — spending hours editing and curating the perfect persona. Psychologist Larry Borins argues this is leading to an increasingly anxious generation.

Harper talks up expanding mission

IRAQ & SYRIA

Motion to be debated later this week

The plan to expand Canada's war against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) into Syria hinges on the conviction that dictator Bashar Assad has lost control of the country, allowing extremists to pose a clear and direct threat to the international community, Stephen Harper said Tuesday.

But the question opposition parties were asking Tuesday was: What changed the prime minister's mind?

When Canada's combat mission first got underway almost six months ago, Harper ruled out the possibility of CF-18s attacking targets in Syria, which has been home to a bloody four-year long civil war.

At that time, he said the military would have to seek the permission of the Assad government.

"Canadians did not invent the threat of jihadi terrorism, and we certainly did not invite it. Nor, as this global threat becomes ever more serious, can we protect our country or our communities by choosing to ignore it.
Prime Minister Stephen Harper

"Military planners will tell us that for a mission to succeed it must have two things. It must have a well-defined objective and a well-defined exit strategy. This mission has neither.
NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair

But that changed Tuesday with the introduction of a proposed mission renewal, to be debated later this week, that would expand airstrikes into Syria and extend the mission by a year.

"As our allies have indicated, they are taking necessary and proportionate military action in Syria on the basis that the government of Syria is unwilling or unable to prevent ISIL from staging operations and conducting attacks there," Harper said.

The effect of adding Syria to the target list has been to further unite political opposition at home — notably the Liberals, some of whom were uncomfortable with the decision to oppose the initial deployment in the face of blatant ISIL atrocities.

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SEE PAGE 27 FOR A DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION TO EXPAND THE ISIL MISSION

WILDLIFE THIS PANDA IS READY FOR HER CLOSE-UP Rina, the Edmonton Valley Zoo's newest addition to its red panda family, poses in her enclosure on Tuesday. Having recently arrived from Shizuoka Municipal Nihondaira Zoo in Japan, two-year-old Rina is one of three red pandas currently living in the Edmonton zoo. With an estimated population of fewer than 10,000 adult red pandas left in the wild, the species is considered endangered. The Edmonton Valley Zoo is part of a worldwide conservation effort to preserve red pandas through a Species Survival Plan (SSP). TOPHER SEGUIN/FOR METRO IN EDMONTON

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Khadr has a right to bail, lawyer argues

JUSTICE

Khadr pleaded guilty in 2010 to five war-crimes charges

A lawyer for former Guantanamo Bay inmate Omar Khadr says his client's appeal in the United States is taking too long and he should be released on bail.

But the Canadian government maintains that letting Khadr out would undermine public confidence in the justice system, subvert international law and damage this country's relationship with the United States.

Nathan Whitling told a bail hearing in Edmonton on Tuesday that his client should get bail while he appeals his war-crimes conviction before a U.S. military court. He said the court has put the appeal on hold and might not make a decision before Khadr completes his sentence.

"We could all be retired by the time the appeal is done," Whitling told Justice June Ross of Court of Queen's Bench.

He said Khadr has a right to seek bail pending an appeal, just as other prisoners do in and the U.S. Khadr pleaded guilty in 2010 to five war-crimes charges, including murder, for killing an American soldier in Afghanistan when he was 15.

After nearly a decade in Guantanamo Bay, Khadr was sentenced by a U.S. military commission to an additional eight years and shipped to Canada. He then said he only pleaded guilty to get out of Guantanamo.

Bruce Hughson, a lawyer representing the federal government, told court that releasing Khadr might encourage other Canadians convicted in foreign countries to ask for transfers and file appeals so they can also seek bail. It would affect the willingness of countries to send offenders to Canada, he said.

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U.S. military appeal lawyer Samuel Morison speaks to media during a break in the hearing for Omar Khadr on Tuesday in Edmonton. Khadr is seeking bail pending disposition of an appeal of his convictions. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

POLITICS

Bill C-51 hinders civil rights: Critic

The federal government's omnibus security bill would hand extremists what they want by shackling civil liberties, a prominent aboriginal lawyer and activist says.

There is no way to fix the legislation, which "makes us all suspects," said Pamela Palmater, chair in indigenous governance at Toronto's Ryerson University.

"The terrorists will have won," Palmater said Tuesday during a meeting of the House of Commons public safety committee, which is hearing more than 50 witnesses on the bill.

The Conservatives brought in the 62-page bill following the murders of two Canadian soldiers just days apart last October by men whose motives were rooted in extremist thinking.

The 62-page bill would give the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) the ability to actively disrupt terror plots, make it easier for police to limit the movements of a suspect, expand no-fly-list powers, crack down on extremist propaganda and dismantle barriers to exchanging security-related information. THE CANADIAN PRESS

BRAZEAU TRIAL

Crown's witness gets emotional as she defends her credibility

The defence team for suspended senator Patrick Brazeau challenged the credibility of his alleged victim Tuesday, zeroing in on specific details including her use of a fake passport to travel to Canada.

Attorney Gerard Larocque, who's defending Brazeau at his trial for assault and sexual assault charges, also pressed the Crown's key witness on why she never told prosecutors, nor police, that she ripped off a necklace during the violent incident.

Earlier, the woman wiped away tears as she listened to her own panicked voice on emergency recordings that were played in court.

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A rescue helicopter flies over debris of a Germanwings jet that crashed Tuesday in the French Alps. The jet was carrying at least 150 people from Barcelona to Duesseldorf. CLAUDE PARIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

No survivors expected, as jet carrying 150 crashes in France

FLIGHT 9525

White House and airline say no sign of terrorism

A black box recovered from the scene and pulverized pieces of debris strewn across Alpine mountainsides held clues to what caused a budget airliner to take an unexplained eight-minute dive Tuesday midway through a flight from Spain to Germany, apparently killing all 150 people on board.

The Airbus A320 operated by Germanwings, a budget subsidiary of Lufthansa, was less than an hour from landing in Duesseldorf on a flight from Barcelona when it unexpectedly went into a rapid descent. The pilots sent out no distress call and had lost radio contact with their control centre, France's aviation authority said, deepening the mystery.

While investigators searched through debris from Flight 9525 on steep and desolate slopes, families across Europe reeled with shock and grief. Sobbing relatives at both airports were led away by airport workers and crisis counsellors.

"The site is a picture of horror. The grief of the families and friends is immeasurable," German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said after being flown over the crash scene. "We must now stand together. We are united in our great grief."

It took investigators hours to reach the site, led by mountain guides to the craggy ravine in the southern French Alps, not far from the Italian border and the French Riviera.

Video shot from a helicopter and aired by BFM TV showed rescuers walking in the crevices of a rocky mountainside scattered with plane parts.

Photos of the crash site showed white flecks of debris across a mountain and larger airplane body sections with windows. A helicopter crew that landed briefly in the area saw no signs of life, French officials said.

"Everything is pulverized. The largest pieces of debris are the size of a small car. No one can access the site from the ground," Gilbert Sauvan, president of the general council, Alpes-de-Haute-Provence, told The Associated Press.

The White House and the airline chief said there was no sign that terrorism was involved, and German Chancellor Angela Merkel urged reporters not to speculate on the cause.

"We still don't know much beyond the bare information on the flight, and there should be no speculation on the cause of the crash," she said in Berlin. "All that will be investigated thoroughly."

Lufthansa Vice-President Heike Birlenbach told reporters in Barcelona that for now "we say it is an accident."

The plane crashed at an altitude of about 2,000 metres at Meolans-Revels, near the popular ski resort of Pra Loup. The site is 700 kilometres south-southeast of Paris.

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A schoolgirl lights a candle in front of the Joseph-Koenig Gymnasium in Haltern, western Germany, on Tuesday. Sixteen schoolchildren and two teachers from Haltern were among the 150 people on board the Germanwings plane that crashed Tuesday. MARTIN MEISSNER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier

THE VICTIMS

United in grief

A stunned German town mourned 16 students who went down aboard Germanwings Flight 9525 on their way home Tuesday from a Spanish exchange, while the opera world grieved for two singers who were returning from performing in Barcelona — one of them with her baby.

"This is surely the blackest day in the history of our town," a visibly shaken Mayor Bodo Klimpel said after the western town of Haltern was shocked by news that 16 students from the local high school and two of their teachers had been on the plane.

Some hugged and cried in front of the Joseph Koenig High School, where the 10th graders had studied, and put candles on its steps. Others changed their Facebook cover photos to black, with the simple message "Haltern mourns; In memory of the victims of the March 24, 2015 plane crash."

"You can feel a state of shock everywhere," Klimpel said at a hastily called press conference at city hall. "This is pretty much the worst thing you can imagine."

The town of 38,000 lies about 80 kilometres northeast of the plane's destination of Duesseldorf.

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Thousands protest over murder of Farkhunda

KABUL

Marchers demand justice for the mob beating death

Thousands marched through the Afghan capital Tuesday, demanding justice for a woman who was beaten to death by a mob after being falsely accused of burning a Qur'an.

Men and women of all ages carried banners bearing the bloodied face of Farkhunda, a 27-year-old religious scholar killed last week by the mob. Farkhunda, who went by one name like many Afghans, was beaten, run over with a car and burned before her body was thrown into the Kabul River.

Organizers of Tuesday's march — the second protest over the brutal slaying in as many days — estimated that up to 3,000 people took part, calling it one of the biggest demonstrations in Kabul's history. Marchers chanted "Justice for Farkhunda!" and "Death to the killers!"

Amrullah Saleh, a political leader and former director of the intelligence service, the National Directorate of Security, said the demonstrators sought to make Farkhanda an icon of the struggle against "injustice, mob court, street violence, violence against women, lawlessness, extremism'' and, especially the injustice suffered by women.

Afghan woman with painted face depicting the blood of Farkhunda. SHAH MARAI/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

"She is an example of probably what has happened silently to many,'' Saleh said. "She drew a line with her blood between those who want justice, rule of law, and those who are extreme in their views and who breed in lawlessness."

The Interior Ministry said 28 people have been arrested and 13 police officers suspended as part of investigations.

Also, the spokesman for the Kabul police, Hashmat Stanikzai, was fired over comments he made on social media supporting Farkhunda's killers. Stanikzai could not be immediately reached for comment.

The Taliban issued a statement on Tuesday, condemning the attack and calling it a conspiracy that uses "the name of the Qur'an to kill innocent civilians.'' It also extended condolences to Farkhunda's family.

The demonstrators in Kabul also called for action against officials and religious leaders who had initially said Farkhunda's killing was justifiable if she had burned pages of a Qur'an, the Muslim holy book.

Among the crowd were prominent rights activists, including Fatana Gailani, the head of the Afghanistan Women's Council, who said she hoped the incident would be a catalyst for change in a society traumatized by war, corruption and lack of leadership.

"The new generation has known nothing but war, they are not educated,'' she said.

President Ashraf Ghani took office in September following a bitter election campaign during which he promised to champion women's rights, end corruption and bring peace.

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WEST AFRICA

Ebola outbreak at age 1

It now sounds almost cliché to call the West African Ebola epidemic unprecedented. But nothing remotely like the outbreak has ever happened with this disease. Only science fiction writers contemplated Ebola on this scale.

That may well have contributed to the catastrophically slow response to the news — disclosed a year ago this week — that Ebola had erupted in Guinea, a country that had never before fought this foe.

Since then, 24,872 people in Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia have contracted Ebola and 10,311 have died, figures released Tuesday by the World Health Organization suggest. Another three dozen cases have spilled over into Nigeria, Mali, Senegal, the United States, Spain and Britain.

The following are recollections and predictions from three people who have spent the past year battling Ebola: Dr. Pierre Rollin, a veteran Ebola warrior with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control; Gary Kobinger, head of special pathogens at Canada's National Microbiology Laboratory and Dr. Tim Jagatic, a Windsor, Ont., physician who works for Médecins Sans Frontières.

Paradoxically, some of the Ebola experts were slow to recognize the outbreak's cataclysmic potential. It looked to them like typical Ebola, in a new locale. But Médecins Sans Frontières was concerned from the start.

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Shiites rebels kill six in Yemen

MIDDLE EAST

Violent clash emerges with thousands of protesters

Shiite rebels fired bullets and tear gas Tuesday to disperse thousands of protesters demanding they withdraw from a southwestern province, killing six demonstrators, wounding scores more and escalating tensions in a country on the verge of civil war.

The rebels, known as Houthis, seized the capital Sanaa in September and have been advancing south alongside forces loyal to former President Ali Abdullah Saleh. In recent days they have closed in on the southern port city of Aden, where the internationally recognized President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi is now based.

Hadi on Tuesday asked the U.N. Security Council to authorize a military intervention "to protect Yemen and to deter the Houthi aggression expected to occur at any hour from now" against Aden and the rest of the south. In a letter to the council's president, Hadi said he also has asked members of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council and the Arab League for immediate help.

Massive protests were held in the third largest city of Taiz, which the rebels largely seized over the weekend, and in Torba, some 60 miles (100 kilometres) away, where witnesses said the streets were filled with thick black smoke from burning tires and where protesters torched three armoured vehicles.

"Torba turned into a ball of fire," said Khaled al-Asswadi, a resident. He said the protesters prevented the Houthis from advancing into the city.

A medical official said six protesters were killed and dozens wounded in Torba. Local activists posted pictures on social media of what they said were dead protesters, their clothes drenched in blood.

Another witness, Mohammed Salem, said the Houthis and Saleh's forces fired anti-aircraft guns to scare off the protesters, "but the number of protesters increased instead."

In a statement, Yemen's Socialist Party warned that the Houthis' invasion of the mostly Sunni south would set off a "sectarian war."

Gov. Shawki Hayel of Taiz province meanwhile accused top security commanders of mutiny, saying a special forces commander ordered his men to disperse the protesters without consulting him, according to an official in Hayel's office. Hayel threatened to resign in protest, said the official.

Yemen's security forces, which have received U.S. aid and assistance in order to battle a powerful local al-Qaida affiliate, have splintered, with entire units rallying to Saleh and the rebels.

Amnesty International, citing medics, said 119 people were wounded in the anti-Houthi demonstration and called for an inquiry into the crackdown.

"Human rights in Yemen are in free-fall as even peaceful protest becomes a life-threatening activity," said Said Boumedouha, the deputy director of Amnesty's Middle East and North Africa program.

Taiz is Yemen's third largest city and the birthplace of its 2011 Arab Spring-inspired uprising, which forced Saleh to hand over power to Hadi in a deal brokered by the U.N. and Gulf countries the following year.

But Saleh never fully retired, and has been widely accused of acting through his loyalists in the government and security forces to derail the country's democratic transition. He is now allied with the rebels, and his loyalists helped the Houthis to take over the airport and other government buildings in Taiz.

In addition to dispersing the protesters, the Houthis also engaged in heavy fighting with militias loyal to Hadi in the city of al-Dhalea, where the two sides used artillery, anti-aircraft guns and machine-guns, according to a Yemeni security official. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Anti-Houthi protesters carry a fellow protester suffering tear gas effects during clashes with pro-Houthi police in Taiz, Yemen. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ANEES MAHYOUB

BACKGROUND

Council gave warning

The Gulf Cooperation Council - Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Oman and Bahrain - warned earlier this year that they would act to protect the Arabian Peninsula's security and described the Houthi takeover as a "terrorist" act. The Houthis meanwhile rejected an invitation to participate in any dialogue talks if they are held in Saudi Arabia or Qatar.

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Oil price shock affects provinces differently

ECONOMY

Ontario, B.C. could lead country in growth rate

Canadian households may save an average of $800 at pumps in 2015 — but as much as $600 of those savings will go to paying for the higher costs of imported consumer goods, TD Economics says in its latest forecast on the economy.

Overall, TD trimmed its outlook for the Canadian economy, as it predicted that lower prices for crude oil will take a bite out of corporate profits and business investment. That, in turn, will lead to lower consumer spending and a softer job market, according to the report released Tuesday.

On the plus side, a weaker Canadian dollar, and growth in the key U.S. export market, will help offset the negative effects of the collapse in crude.

"We anticipate that the Canadian economy will weather the current oil-price storm, with calm seas expected to follow the current choppy waters," said the report, written by economists Craig Alexander, Derek Burleton and Randall Bartlett.

TD estimates that the economy will expand by 1.9 per cent this year, down from 2.3 per cent in its earlier forecast.

"It's pretty close to the long-run average pace of growth we're going to see in the economy," Alexander, TD chief economist, said in an interview.

The oil price shock — crude prices are trading at less than half of last year's peak — will be seen in huge regional differences on the economy.

For the first time in more than a decade, Ontario could be the fastest-growing province in the country, Alexander said.

"It's a horse race between Ontario and B.C. Those provinces are going to feel like things are getting better. Growth rates will get close to three per cent," Alexander said.

"You can have a debate about whether Alberta will be in recession, but it's going to feel like one."

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Falling prices at the pumps last year, as seen at this Ontario gas station in December, played a big role in slowing Canada's annual inflation rate to 1.5 per cent in December compared with two per cent in November. DOUG IVES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

ONLINE VIDEOS

Service bets fans will pay for early access

Would you pay to see some of the Internet's best video clips first? Vessel, a new service trying to change the way that short video pieces make money on the Internet and mobile devices, is betting on it.

Instead of free-for-all distribution supported solely by advertising, Vessel will charge $3 per month for exclusive early access to clips of musicians, sporting events, comedians and many other forms of entertainment not available on YouTube or any other digital video service for at least three days. CEO Jason Kilar, formerly head of Hulu Plus, believes Vessel's model will be able to pay video producers about $50 per 1,000 views of their clips on the site. That compares with just $2.20 per 1,000 views of ad-supported video at sites such as YouTube, Kilar says.

The extra money, in theory, will provide digital video producers with the means and incentive to create even better content that will prod more people to subscribe to Vessel. The same "virtuous cycle" has enabled Internet video service Netflix to finance more of its own original programming and pay more money to license compelling entertainment while its audience has nearly tripled to 57 million customers from 20 million in the past four years.

> **"We think this is going to be ... like the advent of cable and satellite television in the 1970s."**
> Vessel CEO Jason Kilar

"We think this is going to be a really big deal, like the advent of cable and satellite television in the 1970s," Kilar, 43, says of Vessel.

Vessel so far has about 70,000 video clips separated into about 160 categories, including sports, comedy, music, video games and food.

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Lingerie and swimwear retailer Boutique La Vie en Rose plans to expand Bikini Village stores across Canada and abroad after reaching an agreement to buy the insolvent bathing-suit chain. CEO Francois Roberge said he paid less than $4 million for Bikini Village. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Should we bomb Syria and Iraq?

YES: Canada needs to deny ISIL a safe haven.

ISIL fighters are crossing the border into Syria from Iraq to avoid our bombs. Airstrikes against ISIL, Prime Minister Stephen Harper argues, will keep the terrorist group on the defensive and unable to organize attacks on Canadian soil. The terrorist group has named Canada and Canadians as targets, in addition to saying people should be killed for not following its interpretation of religion.

NO: ISIL has no proven ability to attack on Canadian soil.

Expanding the mission to Syria would only help President Bashar al-Assad's regime, which is accused of serious crimes against its own people. Instead, an effective public relations campaign would help counter the group's ideology. Previous occurrences, such as the attack on Parliament Hill, were committed by lone wolf, homegrown terrorists.

How climate change is like World of Warcraft

THE SCIENCE
Stephanie Orford

Any military strategist, chess player or World of Warcraft gamer will tell you that winning isn't just about reacting to the situation at hand. If you really want to get ahead, you need to understand the big picture, have a strategy, and make each move with your end goal in mind.

Canada should battle climate change the same way.

Wherever humans adapt to climate change, we stand to do even more damage if we're not careful, according to a study published in the March issue of Nature Climate Change. Applying computer modelling to more than 40 years of climate data, the researchers found that in the U.K., the warming climate could supercharge the country's agricultural potential.

Reaping these benefits without thought to their consequences, however, would have significant negative effects downstream — literally.

The increased amounts of fertilizer needed for this expanded agricultural output would impact water quality, potentially causing U.K. rivers and streams to become choked up with algae, killing off existing ecosystems, degrading water quality.

This scenario could easily apply to Canada. We have a similarly temperate climate and more than eight times the cultivated land of the U.K.

If we don't consider — and regulate — the environmental effects of expanding our agriculture, the negative effects of taking advantage of greater arable land in Canada could be equally magnified.

Agriculture isn't the only area where adaptations could cause damage, say the authors. The same effect could happen in sectors including power, forestry and fisheries — all crucial components of Canada's economy.

If managed wisely, Canada's vast natural resources hold great opportunities to adapt to climate change. They also pose great risk if they're mismanaged. Biofuels — a "green" energy source that may do more harm than good — are a good example.

A 2014 report by the United Nations warned that growing crops for the production of biofuels drives up food prices by decreasing the availability of land available for food cultivation, puts pressure on the water supply, and still harms the environment with carbon emissions.

The Canadian Arctic is another area where we need to tread carefully. As the Arctic thaws, would expanding our development and agriculture there create greater prosperity? Possibly in the short-term, but it also has the potential to damage one of the world's most fragile wildlife habitats.

To continue fighting climate change and adapt to the changes that are already happening, we need to shift our perspective profoundly, weighing the risks and benefits of each adaptation to make sure we're not trading one environmental disaster for another.

As the study's authors say: "Instead of waiting for ecosystems to be in danger and then trying to save them, we can anticipate a potential problem and do something about it before it becomes an actual threat."

Stephanie Orford is a Vancouver-based writer. The Science appears every other Wednesday.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
metroview

"We may have reproductive freedom, but economic freedom?"

A freezer is a time machine, according to my parents. Cooked pasta, blocks of cheese — they've never met a food they won't freeze and expect to retrieve months later, unchanged.

It's the same logic driving a wave of women into fertility clinics to press "stop" on their biological clocks.

Elective egg freezing, once a fringe movement, is becoming mainstream. The U.S. company EggBanxx hosts "egg freezing parties." A Vancouver fertility clinic has seen the number of interested women triple in the last five years.

For a price of $7,000 to $11,000, plus extra for storage in a -197 C liquid-nitrogen filled tank that resembles a large soup pot, young women in cities across the country can freeze time for their eggs, like the stalled decay of dad's two-year-old chili.

I say that's fantastic. For the young and female who might want kids someday, 35 is the baby-making cliff, after which the chance of getting pregnant plummets. Egg-freezing gives you more time to get an education, find a partner and earn lots and lots of money.

Because if a woman wants to unfreeze and implant her egg — for another few thousand dollars — and then actually raise her child alone, she'd better be rich.

We may now have reproductive freedom, but economic freedom? Hardly.

Even for the relatively privileged pulling in $80,000, like my friend, Sarah, let's call her.

Sarah spent $11,000 to freeze her eggs because, like many others making the decision, she wants a child, but so far hasn't met the right partner. She didn't balk at the fertility costs. The number that finally got her was the cost of raising a kid in Toronto. Even with a great salary, she'd be left, she says, living in relative poverty. After rent and insurance, there' would be only a few hundred dollars left each month from her mat-leave pay to cover food, transit, diapers and whatever else a baby needs — and that assumes she would keep living in a one-bedroom apartment.

Granted, Sarah lives in one of the country's most expensive cities. But increasingly, so do most of us. The cost of living in Vancouver or Calgary isn't cheap, either.

What's the good of reproductive freedom if you can't afford a child on your own? And what does it say about our cities if a generous $80,000 isn't enough?

Fertility clinics catering to single, baby-wanting women aren't responsible, of course, for informing Sarah and others about the cost of the actual baby. But the clinics may need to find some extra storage to house those frozen vats of eggs, because more and more single women aren't going to admit reproductive defeat. Economic defeat may be another matter.

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Top plating trends for spring

FOOD

Add flare to your dinner party with these tips from Canada's top chefs

Vawn Himmelsbach
For Metro

As the days get warmer, chefs are switching to fresher, lighter fare and designing plates to match. Metro talks to some of Canada's top chefs about on-trend plating for spring and how to copy their looks at home to impress dinner guests — no chef tweezers or ring moulds required.

"Let's be honest, we're slaves to Instagram," said Chef Brett Howson of Toronto's Parlor Foods & Co. Thanks to social media, presentation is more important than ever. "Flavour comes first, but we all know we eat with our eyes."

To create a lighter feel on the plate, chefs are plating along the sides or corner, or even plating on the rim. "It creates that negative space and lightens things up," said Chef Duncan Ly with Calgary's Kensington Riverside Inn.

Colour is another trend, say top chefs, as people long for the vibrant pop of spring. This is achieved through the use of petite vegetables such as baby radishes and heirloom carrots, as well as micro-greens, herbs, shoots, buds and edible flowers.

"As we move into spring, we want the plate to look light and have more height so that it has the appearance of sprouting and new beginnings — because it's like a renewal in the spring," said Chef Vanessa Bourget with Vancouver's Exile Bistro.

But simplicity can still involve complexity. "You want it to be complex in flavour, but you want it to look effortless," she said.

These days, even Michelin-starred chefs are taking a simpler approach to food, said Chef Craig Flinn with Chives Canadian Bistro in Halifax. "There are a smaller number of elements on a plate," he said, "but they're perfectly executed."

Flinn also suggested creating a more casual feel on the plate, but emphasizing elegance. "We're trying to get away from the plain white plate," he said. That means using different textures, such as wood, stone, tile and even handmade pottery.

"The trend is moving away from contrived-looking food to a more natural, free-flowing style of presentation," said Ly. "With farm-to-table being more trendy, we see more of that rustic-looking plate ware."

VANCOUVER

1 Tall spirals

Chilled risotto with truffles, shaved fennel, purple carrots and candy-cane beets for garnish, with a huckleberry peppercorn vinaigrette. Chef Vanessa Bourget with Vancouver's Exile Bistro recommends using a spiralizer to create tall, spiral shapes that add height and dimension to a dish. She also recommends plating "off to the side," to create negative space. WITH FILES FROM THANDI FLETCHER/METRO VANCOUVER

"Plating is just a residual of people looking at food in more artistic ways, so you're using the same principle as a painting
Chef Vanessa Bourget with Vancouver's Exile Bistro

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2 Rustic elegance

Cauliflower curry with spice-crusted halloumi cheese and spring asparagus. "Whatever that food is resting on is a key, well-thought-out part of what you're experiencing — a beautiful, rustic slab of pine or oak that appears to be a charcuterie board ... It's rustic and sensual at the same time," said Chef Craig Flinn of Halifax's Chives Canadian Bistro. PHOTO: JEFF HARPER/METRO HALIFAX

TORONTO

3 Colour pop

Québécois cheval tartare with gherkins, shallots and Pommery mustard served on a piece of roasted bone marrow, cut canoe-style and served on a long, colourful platter. It's topped with chives, parsley, coriander stems, sorrel, capers, shallots, pickled red onions and house-made potato chips — with a splash of Tabasco. "This is the 'I'm tired of the cold winter and ready for spring' version," said Chef Brett Howson of Toronto's Parlor Foods & Co. PHOTOS: LIZ BEDDALL/METRO TORONTO

CALGARY

4 Soup on the side

Garlic soup with crispy fried escargot, shaved radishes, micro-herbs and flowers, a fresh herb purée and a clam tuile (or clam cracker). A hot trend for spring is serving tableside sauces, broths and soups — an easy plating trend to copy at home. It allows you to "get that visual impact of the dish first before you pour the soup or sauce in," said Chef Duncan Ly with Calgary's Kensington Riverside Inn. WITH FILES FROM JENNIFER FRIESEN/METRO CALGARY

AT-HOME TIPS

- Head to a farmers market and pick up in-season vegetables like asparagus, fiddleheads and kale.
- Stay away from plain white plates; look for rustic, natural textures. Or go retro with grandma's old plates.
- Create negative space for visual impact by plating food in a "C" shape, in the corner or around the rim of the plate.
- Try serving sauces and even starches on the side, for a more refined, elegant presentation.

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Seasonal Canadian beer

LIQUID ASSETS

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As bearded hipsters and the exploding population of beer nerds raise a glass to craft beer here in Canada, European innovative brews have been a part of the liquor landscape for centuries.

The trend by our local brewers to bottle seasonal offerings (those made to celebrate a certain time of year or with special ingredients) is a page ripped right out of the Euro brewmaster's handbook.

In Germany, winter can hang on as long it does here, so breweries have taken to creating variations on their famous Bock style of beer to match the season cycle.

Considered a strong lager, a Bock is generally malty, dark and boozy, which fits the winter months like a glove.

Though still high in alcohol (seven per cent), a Maibock is a golden interpretation with a softer, smoother mouth-feel to match with spring.

Holsten's Maibock (500 ml, $2.50 – $3.49) is actually made all year, with enough sweet maltiness to pair with ham, pork and spicy cuisine.

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Sriracha now a tourist destination

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It took 50 years for spicy lover Sriracha to evolve from its humble beginnings in a kitchen in 1930s Thailand to an international hot sauce that only those who love Asian foods would know in the 1980s.

But now, the heat is on everyone's lips. A recent food and travel report named San Francisco the top culinary destination for food lovers last fall, citing the city's love affair with Sriracha sauce as one of its star attractions. The sauce is being used not only as a condiment but also as a spicy, barbecue glaze for grilled meats, particularly chicken.

The original special blend of peppers, vinegar, salt and sugar comes in a simple squeeze bottle with a rooster on it (commonly known as "cock sauce") and a green lid. It is a flavour that is unseating chipotle (even before everyone has stopped mispronouncing it as "chip-pole-tea").

Everything from potato chips to sandwiches now has the Sriracha (see-raw-cha) moniker — if not the flavour.

Pick up the original at any grocer and use it in creative ways:

- A few squirts in spice bread, banana loaf or chocolate cake will add a complex je ne sais quoi
- Mix with cream cheese and top scrambled eggs
- In Bloody Caesar or Bloody Mary mixes
- Add to lime peel and coarse salt and use as a rimmer for margaritas
- Toss sliced apples into a teaspoon of sauce and slip into a grilled cheese
- Mix into melted butter and garlic and spread onto baguette for instant spicy garlic bread

And when you have exhausted your passion for this sauce, move on to the next hottest thing: kimchi.

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Ugly Food finds beauty and savings in flaws

FOOD

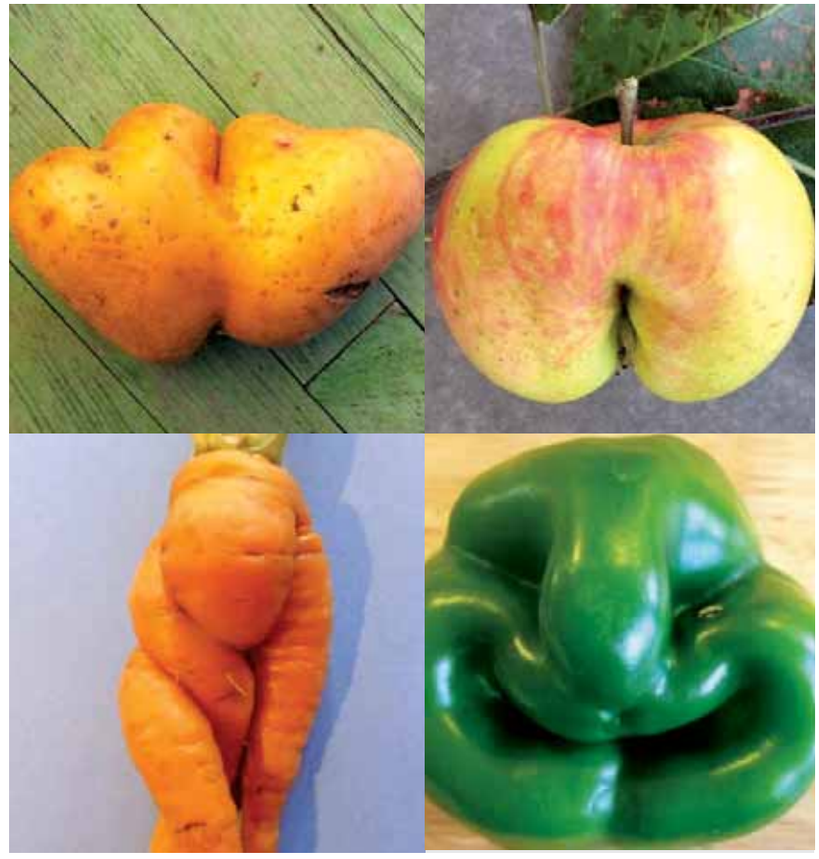
The imperfect produce craze may help to reduce waste

For anyone who's snapped an Instagram picture of a bowl of fruit (10 million photos prove people do) and admired its natural beauty and symmetry, take note: Don't judge a fruit by its skin.

The Ugly Food trend that emerged in Europe to reduce food waste is taking off. And judging by the thousands of photos of misshapen apples, and mutant carrots hashtagged #UglyFood and #UglyFruit, people are discovering the unique visual beauty in imperfect produce.

A 2015 report estimates food waste globally may amount to as much as $400 billion a year.

Some European supermarkets have joined the race against food waste in the form of smart marketing and repackaging campaigns. Among them are UK ASDA's Wonky Fruit and Vegetables, Woolworth's Odd Bunch, and Intermarche in France selling Inglorious Fruits and Vegetables. Closer to home, Loblaws launched its Naturally Imperfect brand, selling ugly fruits and veggies for 30 per cent off. METRO



People are discovering the beauty in imperfect produce. INSTAGRAM: @UGLYFRUITANDVEG

FASHION

Joe Fresh departure planned months ago

While his departure from Joe Fresh may have seemed sudden, Joe Mimran said the transition had been months in the making.

Mimran said he'd been planning the move for the last 18 to 24 months with Galen Weston, president of grocery giant Loblaw, which owns the Joe Fresh brand.

Mimran said the number of years he had devoted to the industry was among his reasons for stepping down.

"We've been talking a lot about succession and how do you do it right and how do we do it properly and how do we do it without disrupting the marketplace," Mimran said in an interview at Toronto's World MasterCard Fashion Week.

"There's been a lot of thought that's gone into it."

Company president Mario Grauso has now taken the reins of the affordable apparel label. But Mimran said he still remains under contract for 10 days a year for the next few years.

"That's a lot for a creative person. You can do a lot in that time."

Joe Mimran greets the audience after the Joe Fresh show during Toronto Fashion Week. CHRIS YOUNG/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

For years, Mimran and Joe Fresh were a familiar presence on the Toronto runway. That all changed last fall when Mimran announced the label was ending future presentations, saying all shows would be geared towards the wholesale market.

On Monday, Mimran found himself in the role as style spectator for Pink Tartan, the womenswear label where his wife, Kimberley Newport-Mimran is president and head designer.

"It's very different for me," he admitted.

"I kind of miss the action of the show and sort of the adrenalin rush you get from a show. But, I also don't miss the pressure. It's nice for me to be able to just switch gears."

Mimran is getting ready for his close-up as he joins the business bosses fielding pitches from eager entrepreneurs on the CBC-TV series Dragons' Den.

Mimran said he is excited to hear of the new ideas and ventures when he films the new season airing this fall.

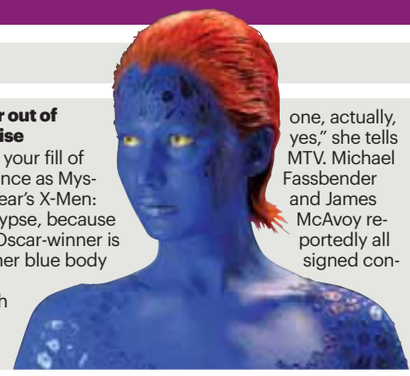
"The fashion business is the hardest business in the world and I think people will acknowledge that," he said. "I think that I will come in with a really interesting perspective on how hard it is to be in business and how it changes and how you have to be resilient." THE CANADIAN PRESS

ENTERTAINMENT IN BRIEF

HBO lets the Dogg in
Snoop Dogg has teamed up with HBO as producer on a new family drama on the network. Snoop will likely draw on memories of his Long Beach upbringing to produce the series, which centres on an L.A. family in the 1980s. The untitled project is still in the early development stage. AFP

Snoop Dogg. GETTY IIMAGES

JLaw to slither out of X-Men franchise
You better get your fill of Jennifer Lawrence as Mystique in next year's X-Men: Age of Apocalypse, because after that the Oscar-winner is putting away her blue body paint and calling it quits with the franchise. "It is my last one, actually, yes," she tells MTV. Michael Fassbender and James McAvoy reportedly all signed contracts for three films. Co-star and ex-boyfriend Nicholas Hoult, on the other hand, said he is open to negotiation. NED EHRBAR/METRO



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Ben there, done that
Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson made Zoolander fans giddy when they closed the Valentino show during Paris Fashion Week this month. It was a manoeuvre to announce Zoolander 2, due out next year. "I was a little surprised," Stiller said. "I mean it's been 15 years since the movie came out so we really didn't know if people ... cared, and it was nice to know that there was a little bit of a connection there." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cuthbert finds her One Big Happy

TELEVISION

Actress dishes on working with Ellen

Lisa Weidenfeld
Metro | New York City

Elisha Cuthbert has come a long way from staring down a cougar as Jack Bauer's oft-imperilled daughter on 24.

After a stint as the slightly daffy Alex Kerkovich on the much-loved but tragically cancelled Happy Endings, Cuthbert decided to stick with comedy, and found her way to One Big Happy.

The show, produced by Ellen Degeneres, finds her playing Lizzy, a lesbian who decides to have a baby with her straight best friend Luke (Nick Zano) just as he marries Prudence (Kelly Brook).

What made you decide to move on to this show from Happy Endings?
I think I took the longest time to get on something else. Everyone was so brilliant on that show that it was a weird thing where I didn't know what to do after that. I was a little bit shell-shocked.

But you knew you wanted to stick with comedy?
I just had so much fun on Happy Endings that I felt like this was the perfect transition for me, and to be in front of a live audience is mind-blowing.

Is it scary to go out in front of the crowd?
I got used to the workload that would come with it. I love the schedule, but I will never get over the fear. I feel like the fear is never going to leave me.

I don't know how other sitcom actors — like the Friends cast or Seinfeld — I don't know how they felt about it ... but I would love to know. Because I'm petrified until that first take.

What kind of feedback does Ellen provide?
Great notes. She comes and warms up the audience, which is terrifying, because then we have to follow the funniest human being. The best note she ever gave me was that we're really going to have to believe in this friendship between Luke and me, which, as far as Lizzy's concerned, is the most important relationship that she has. And Ellen was like, we have to believe that, and if we don't believe that in every scene, then we have nothing.

Elisha Cuthbert, left, is Lizzy, and Kelly Brook is Prudence in One Big Happy. CONTRIBUTED

TV PREMIERE

Don't hold your breath for the next George R.R. Martin book

George R.R. Martin.
GETTY IMAGES

George R.R. Martin has been feeling the heat to finish The Winds of Winter, the long-awaited sixth novel in his best-selling series, A Song of Ice and Fire, but he is not letting the pressure rush his writing.

"There is more pressure every year," Martin said Monday in San Francisco at the U.S. premiere of the fifth season of Game of Thrones, the HBO television series based on his books. "The main thing is to make the book as good as I can possibly make it."

Martin, 66, has completed five of seven planned novels: The most recent, A Dance With Dragons, came out in 2011, the same year the Emmy-winning television adaptation first aired. With this season, the series will have exhausted almost all the material from the existing books.

"Fifty years from now nobody is going to care how frequently the books came out," he said. "They will care if the books are as good as they can possibly be, if the books stand the test of time. That's what I struggle with as I write."

Martin and 24 cast members sat among the audience that watched the first episode of Season 5 at San Francisco's War Memorial Opera House, a palatial building aptly suited for the television show about a mythical kingdom. It was packed with 3,000 people.

Emilia Clarke, who plays Daenerys Targaryen, said the stories that fans have been following for four seasons will start to intertwine in season five.

"The threads we've been weaving are really coming together now, and that will be quite satisfying to watch," Clarke said.

The City by the Bay is also a leading tech hub, and HBO gave Game of Thrones fans access to the black carpet event by streaming it live on the show's Facebook page. The series' stars also took time to answer fan questions submitted via Facebook, which ranged from what the actors would name their pet dragons to what characters will die next in the blood-soaked epic fantasy.

A couple of hundred fans who didn't want to watch on their computers stood on the street holding up posters of HBO's most watched series and waving at the actors as they walked the carpet.

Game of Thrones is set in the war-torn continent of Westeros, a place where winter and summer can last for decades and tells the story of warring kingdoms. The show includes stunning landscapes, lots of sex, plenty of sword fights and decapitations, and fire-breathing dragons.

Season 5 premieres April 12 on HBO and on HBO Now, the networks' streaming service, which will launch that day on Apple TV.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Angelina Jolie goes back under the knife

CANCER

Actress has preventive surgery to remove ovaries

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Angelina Jolie ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Oscar-winning actress Angelina Jolie revealed Tuesday that she has undergone more preventive surgery, having her ovaries and fallopian tubes removed in hopes of reducing her risk of cancer.

Writing in the New York Times, the filmmaker and philanthropist said that a recent blood test showed a possible early sign of cancer. The news came as a blow to the star, as she has already had a double mastectomy.

"I went through what I imagine thousands of other women have felt," she wrote. "I told myself to stay calm, to be strong, and that I had no reason to think I wouldn't live to see my children grow up and to meet my grandchildren."

Jolie, 39, revealed two years ago that she carries a defective breast cancer gene that puts her at high risk of developing breast and ovarian cancer.

Her mother died of ovarian cancer, and her maternal grandmother also had ovarian cancer — strong evidence of an inherited, genetic risk that led the actress to have her healthy breasts removed to try to avoid the same fate.

The average woman has a 12 per cent risk of developing breast cancer sometime during her life. Women who have inherited a faulty BRCA gene are about five times more likely to get breast cancer.

Jolie said that while having the gene mutation alone was not a reason to resort to surgery — other medical options were possible — her family history influenced her decision to have further surgery now.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

YOUNG HOLLYWOOD

Biebs and Kendall the new Brat Pack?

Vogue has tasked veteran photographer Mario Testino with documenting what the magazine insists is the new Brat Pack: Justin Bieber, Kendall Jenner, Ansel Elgort, Gigi Hadid, and Hopper and Dylan Penn, the son and daughter of Sean Penn and Robin Wright — in their natural habitat, lounging around a pool and pouting.

And the group even gets a catchy new name that only makes them more insufferable: The Instagram Aristocracy. And if the photos of the kids aren't enough to make you want to climb onto an ice floe, there are also some choice quotes displaying an impressive lack of self-awareness, like when Bieber says he's been "kind of on the low, just working on the new album" lately or how Jenner is "aware when I'm at the gym that I need to save some energy so I can do a 40-yard dash" to avoid the paparazzi.

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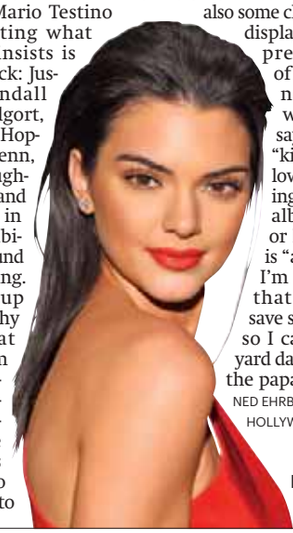

Kendall Jenner

SERIES REBOOT

The truth is out: X-Files returns

Fox has announced that your favourite '90s paranormal activity show is returning for a special six-episode season.

That's right, The X-Files is returning to TV, and with its creative team largely intact, too. Creator Chris Carter is on board, as are stars David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson.

Carter referred to the show's years off the air as a "13-year commercial break" and added: "The good news is the world has only gotten that much stranger, a perfect time to tell these six stories." Production starts this summer, but an air date has not been set yet.

LISA WEIDENFELD/METRO IN NYC

PRETTY WOMAN

How Julia hooked Richard

Stars Richard Gere and Julia Roberts reunited with director Garry Marshall on the Today show to celebrate the film's 25th anniversary, and Gere recounted how meeting Roberts put an end to his waffling about signing on for the project.

"We loved each other immediately. It was a nice thing. But to be honest, I didn't know if I was doing this movie yet," Gere says. "(Marshall) calls up and is kind of like, 'How's it going?' ... She takes a piece of paper and she's writing something on it ... and she pushes it to me and it said, 'Please say yes.'" NED EHRBAR/METRO

WOMAN IN GOLD

Reynolds inspired by Klimt

If Ryan Reynolds hadn't gone backpacking in Europe in the '90s, he might not have ended up costarring with Helen Mirren in the film Woman in Gold.

The actor says he visited Vienna's Belvedere Palace and viewed Gustav Klimt's Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer I — and even picked up a fridge magnet as a souvenir. When producer Harvey Weinstein called to ask him to appear in the movie about the painting, he says it sparked something. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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THE BASICS

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Transmissions. 6-speed automatic
Price. $24,899 (excluding destination)

COOL FEATURES

Available LED headlights, 360-degree camera, tailgate step, BoxLink cargo cleats, stowable loading ramps, side-mirror spotlights, self-parking system, and power-operated liftgate.

POINTS

- The new 2.7-litre V6 includes auto start/stop, which shuts off the engine at idle and restarts automatically when needed, for maximum fuel efficiency.
- It was named 2015 Truck of the Year by the Automobile Journalists of Canada (AJAC).

MARKET POSITION

The F-150 has been Canada's best-selling truck for 49 years. The aluminum body is a bit of a gamble, and Ford is working with the collision industry on the unique training and equipment needed to repair it.

THE COMPETITION

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Ram 1500
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Toyota Tundra
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REVIEW

The all-new Ford F-150 is a lighter-weight knockout

Jil McIntosh
For Metro

It doesn't get much more off-road than this scene: I'm up to the middle of my winter tires in snow, climbing a steep path cut into the hill of a quarry.

It's part of an event Ford held recently in Quebec to demonstrate the overall ability of its all-new 2015 F-150 pickup truck.

The biggest news about the popular F-150 is Ford's weight-saving decision. By replacing the steel body with one made entirely from aluminum and using a more high-strength steel in the frame, Ford has changed its game entirely.

Weight loss can improve fuel economy and also the truck's overall capability, since the ratings include the weight of the truck, plus everything it's carrying and towing.

By reducing the truck's weight you can essentially transfer that amount to the load. The new F-150's maximum payload is now 1,497 kg (3,300 lbs.), while top towing rises to 5,534 kg (12,200 lbs.).

Three engines are carried over from the 2014 model: a naturally aspirated 3.5-litre V6, turbocharged 3.5-litre EcoBoost V6, and 5.0-litre V8. There's also an all-new turbocharged 2.7-litre EcoBoost V6 that does an excellent job of pulling around this lighter-weight truck.

The idea behind the turbo engines is that they provide bigger-engine power when it's needed, but deliver smaller-engine fuel efficiency when not.

That said, if you're the type who drives with your foot to the floor, or you tend to tow or haul a great deal, you will probably use far more fuel than the published figures suggest.

I like how the F-150 drives: Even though it's a big truck, that weight loss and its smooth steering make it feel like it's smaller.

If there are any complaints, it's that the ride can get bouncy on rougher roads, and the interior, while much improved, isn't as notable as some of its competitors.

However, the truck is impressive overall, whether tackling dry pavement, or the ice and snow of a rural Quebec road in winter.

The pickup truck segment seldom sees a change as massive as the F-150's construction, but I think this model is going to remain as popular with buyers as it always has been.

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Electric bike market revs up

TECHNOLOGY

Harley's LiveWire may give e-bikes the cool factor

A global interest in mobility solutions for increasingly congested and polluted urban areas is leading to greater sales of electric scooters and electric motorbikes, particularly in emerging markets.

According to the latest study published last week by Navigant Research, sales aren't about to explode, but interest and demand are stable and continuous.

Combined annual sales of e-bikes and e-scooters are expected to hit six million by 2024. Considering that sales are forecast to hit 5.3 million over the course of 2015, the number isn't particularly high. However, it indicates that even though electrically powered scooters and motorbikes are more expensive and limited in terms of range than gas-powered alternatives, they are starting to find a niche — that is getting bigger.

"Although purchase prices remain relatively high and the availability of vehicles is limited in some regions, e-motorcycles and e-scooters offer an affordable, efficient mode of personal transport for motorists, particularly in booming cities of the developing world," says Ryan Citron, research analyst with Navigant Research.

In 2015, a potential 4.1 million e-scooters will be sold, compared with 1.2 million e-motorbikes. As well as being lighter and more affordable, electric scooters are also more widespread in terms of companies making them.

But we're just taking the initial steps towards serious e-motorbikes that offer the same performance and feeling as gas-powered bikes, and the few that are on the market such as Zero Bikes or the Lightning, or the upcoming Harley Davidson LiveWire, carry a hefty premium.

Still, a U.S.-built premium hog could stimulate demand for an electric motorbike in the U.S. and Europe in the same way that Tesla has made electric cars aspirational with the Model S.

Increased interest will lead to increased competition in the marketplace. According to Navigant, this in turn could spur on innovation and breakthroughs necessary to make bikes more attractive to more people either through lower prices or better battery technology, enabling owners to travel faster and further between charges. AFP

The Harley-Davidson LiveWire. HARLEY-DAVIDSON

E-BIKES

China is historically the world's biggest market for electric bikes, and, while demand in the country is beginning to diminish due to slowing economic growth, the growing demand from other nations is offsetting this drop.

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DESIGN

Land Rover unveils Defender tailor-made by Paul Smith

To mark the iconic off-roader's final year of production, Land Rover has turned to the colourful British fashion designer Paul Smith.

The brand has given him a 2015 Defender, carte blanche in terms of styling, and full access to the company's new Special Vehicle Operations (SVO) division in order for the designer to build something truly unique.

The result, which can now be seen in the flesh at Smith's Mayfair shop, features 27 exterior colours plus hand-painted exterior detailing, while the interior is a mix of fabric and leather.

"I keep a Defender at my home in Italy which is in the middle of the countryside, so it's the perfect vehicle to cope with the rugged terrain," said Smith.

Smith says that his design and the final colour palette were inspired by the British countryside and by the British armed forces, the Defender's two natural habitats. "I wanted deep, rich colours, but at the same time, I wanted them to work together yet be surprising."

For instance, there is a hand-painted bee motif on the roof.

"Another little tongue-in-cheek reference to the countryside and the heritage of the car," says Smith.

The Land Rover has been in continuous production since 1948.

The Paul Smith Land Rover is the latest in a series of special models and events that the company has organized to mark the iconic SUV's final production year. AFP

Fashion designer Paul Smith's one of a kind Defender. LAND ROVER

> **The Defender is a British icon, which is something I'm exceptionally proud of**
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Highline model shown

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i-Road continues to carve its path

DETROIT ELECTRIC

Showroom adopts boutique vibe

Wannabe electric sports car-maker Detroit Electric has designed its first flagship store, to open on the same site as the company's production facility in Leamington Spa in the U.K. It prominently features DE's SP:01 pure electric sports car, "soon" to begin production next door to the boutique showroom. Customers will be able to "build" their own SP:01 on large touch screen displays in the showroom to unique, bespoke specifications, before discussing their vehicles in detail with staff.

THE GREEN ANGLE

Metro's weekly picks for the latest in environmental news

TOKYO

Toyota i-Road expands car-sharing program

The ultra compact, electric, three-wheeled Toyota i-Road begins service in a new car-sharing program in central Tokyo in April. The vehicle, which leans into corners like a motorcycle, is already part of a co-ordinated public transport service in Grenoble, France, and in Toyota City, Japan. The new trial, which runs until the end of September, sees the i-Road as part of a service that allows members to make use of a fleet of share-cars at any time of day. The focus is on the i-Road being used for trips to businesses, shops and sightseeing locations.

VIA MOTORS

Plug-in work vehicles double as mobile generators

Orem, Utah-based Via Motors, an assembler of plug-in hybrid pickups and delivery vans, is gearing up to sell 50,000 vehicles per year within three years, company chairman Bob Lutz told Bloomberg news service. Plug-in trucks cut fuel costs and provide electricity at remote locations for campers, catering companies, utilities and the military, said Lutz, acting as mobile generators.

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Sonic: Car buying at top speed

TECHNOLOGY

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AUTO PILOT
Mike Goetz

Millennial drivers are looking for a faster car-buying experience. ISTOCK

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A recent survey conducted by AutoTrader noted that customers seem happy enough as long as the whole thing doesn't take more than 1.5 hours.

The survey noted that once things hit the 2.5-hour mark, satisfaction with the car-buying process drops to "below average" levels. Good to know, but doesn't that sound like an observation from Captain Obvious? Waiting longer than you think it should take, for anything, is never a good recipe for satisfaction.

A new brand of customers — those tech-savvy millennials — are particularly touchy about waiting too long for their order to be completed at the dealership.

These customers are used to buying items online — and quickly. "Just a number of clicks, and there is your purchase the next day at your doorstep," says Chris Travel, of the marketing research company, MaritzCX.

Based in Toronto, Travel keeps clients abreast of customer experience trends and ideas emanating from the automotive sector (on the automotive section of the CX Cafe blog), and he told us about a pilot project in the U.S. that aims to have car buyers in and out of the dealership in 45 minutes.

Sonic Automotive is one of the largest dealer groups in the U.S. and owns the EchoPark brand. Travel said Sonic recently spent "two to three million" to design and build a new car buying system it hopes to roll out to all its EchoPark stores in the U.S.

The first store to run with it is EchoPark Toyota in Thorton, Colo.

THE FUTURE

Chris Travel of marketing research company MaritzCX notes that Canadian retailers are also obviously aware of our desire for a shortened buying experience, and are tweaking their processes to do so. However, a lot of the major innovation in the area is happening in the U.S., where large corporations, like Sonic, have the economies of scale and the appetite to invest in systems and cultures that will challenge the status quo.

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It's official: Nash says final goodbye

Wednesday, March 25, 2015

Raptors dumped in Detroit

NBA

Toronto loses Lowry to back spasms in second quarter

Reggie Jackson had 28 points and nine assists and Andre Drummond added 21 points and 18 rebounds as the Detroit Pistons beat the Toronto Raptors 108-104 on Tuesday night.

Jackson and Kentavious Caldwell-Pope combined for 54 points, 13 assists and 11 rebounds in the game without committing a turnover.

DeMar DeRozan had 22 points and 10 rebounds for the Raptors, who lost point guard Kyle Lowry to back spasms in the second quarter.

Toronto came back from 15 down to take a 91-90 lead with 5:41 left, but Detroit scored the next seven points, including Caldwell-Pope's fifth three-pointer of the night.

Toronto, though, came back to tie the game at 99 on a Lou Williams three-pointer with 2:35 to play, and then took the lead on Patrick Patterson's three-point play.

Two Jackson free throws and a running hook by Tayshaun Prince made it 105-102 Pistons with a minute to play, and Williams missed a three-pointer with 1.6 seconds left to give Detroit the win.

The Raptors struggled badly on both ends of the floor in the first half, hitting just one of 10 three-point attempts while the Pistons were shooting 47.4 per cent from behind the arc and 48.9 overall. Caldwell-Pope had 18 points in 18 first-half minutes, including three three-pointers, while Drummond had eight points and seven rebounds.

For the second time this season, Toronto fans outnumbered Pistons fans at the Palace of Auburn Hills. The crowd was so partisan this time that when national-anthem singer LaShell Renee's microphone cut out during the Canadian national anthem, she was able to let the crowd continue the song before joining back in at the start of the next line. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA On Tuesday

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PISTONS	RAPTORS

The Raptors' Terrence Ross drives to the basket against the Pistons' Joel Anthony on Tuesday night in Auburn Hills, Mich. Ross scored nine points in the Raptors' loss.

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IN BRIEF

Defending Cup champs still have Rangers' number

Marian Gaborik snapped a second-period tie, and Jonathan Quick shook off an opening-minute goal to lift the Los Angeles Kings to a 4-2 victory over the New York Rangers on Tuesday night in a rematch of last year's Stanley Cup final.

The Kings, fighting for a chance to defend their title, have won the first two games of a five-game trip on successive nights. Robyn Regehr scored a rare goal in the first period, and Jeff Carter and Jake Muzzin extended the lead in the third. Anze Kopitar had two assists.

Los Angeles is tied in points with third-place Calgary in the Pacific Division, but the Flames hold the tiebreaker.

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Steen lifts Blues past Penguins in overtime

Alexander Steen redirected Zbynek Michalek's shot from the point into the net 35 seconds into overtime, lifting the St. Louis Blues to a 3-2 win over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Tuesday night.

St. Louis snapped a three-game losing streak. The Blues rallied from a two-goal deficit on goals from former Penguins Robert Bortuzzo and Marcel Goc.

Jake Allen stopped 22 shots for St. Louis as the Blues remained atop the Central Division.

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TFC coach calls own number in training

MLS

Vanney jumps into action with backline ailing

The first sign something was amiss Tuesday was head coach Greg Vanney lining up on defence in training.

Vanney, a former U.S. international fullback, is no slouch at age 40. But the fact he was making up the numbers demonstrates just how much Toronto FC (1-1-0) is hurting in the backline ahead of this weekend's road game against Real Salt Lake (0-0-2).

Fullback Justin Morrow is suspended pending an appeal of his red card. Centre backs Steven Caldwell (Achilles and calf strain) and Damien Perquis (calf strain) both missed practice Tuesday.

Reserve fullback Mark Bloom has quad soreness while backup centre back Eriq Zavaleta rolled his ankle and was in a walking boot last week. Marky Delgado, who offers depth in defence, is away with the U.S. national team.

Caldwell, Bloom and Zavaleta are questionable. Perquis is seen as probable for Sunday's game in Utah.

And this is with the benefit of a bye week.

Consider that star midfielder Michael Bradley and Jozy Altidore are with the U.S. national team in Europe and Toronto has holes all over its starting 11.

"Everybody's going to be in play for this weekend in terms of options," said Vanney. "We'll assess how the injured guys progress over the course of the week."

The injuries to Caldwell and Perquis may have been triggered by training on turf and playing on grass, Vanney suggested.

A back four of Ashtone Morgan, Perquis, Nick Hagglund and Warren Creavalle looks to be Vanney's best option in Salt Lake City. Given Creavalle is a work in progress at fullback, Morgan is rusty after falling off the radar last season and Hagglund is a second-year pro, that puts a lot on the broad shoulders of Polish international Perquis, who will be playing his third MLS game.

Toronto also had TFC II defender Clement Simonin, a classy French rookie drafted out of North Carolina State, at practice Tuesday. He will have to be upgraded to an MLS contract from his existing USL deal if he is promoted to the first-team roster.

RSL is also without top talent. Goalkeeper Nick Rimando (U.S.) and midfielder Luis Gil (U.S. under-23), defender Elias Vasquez (Guatemala) and striker Alvaro Saborio (Costa Rica) are away on international duty. Unlike top leagues in Europe, the MLS does not take a break during international dates.

Collen Warner and Luke Moore are expected to step in for Bradley and Altidore, respectively.

"That's fair to say. We don't have too many other options," Vanney said dryly.

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THE ANT STAYS

International exceptions

Toronto did get a break with Italy electing not to call up forward 'The Atomic Ant' Sebastian Giovinco. But Real Salt Lake gets to keep U.S. international midfielder Kyle Beckerman.

New Toronto FC defender Damien Perquis, right, missed Tuesday's practice . JAMIE SABAU/GETTY IMAGES

Steven Caldwell, left, is also hurting and Justin Morrow is suspended, adding serious uncertainty to TFC's backline going into Sunday's game in Salt Lake City, Utah. GETTY IMAGES FILE

NHL

Leafs finally seeing dip in ACC attendance

In a season of lows, the Maple Leafs have hit a new one.

The Leafs drew a crowd of 18,366 for Monday night's game against the Minnesota Wild, an all-time low for the hockey team since the move in 1999 to the Air Canada Centre.

Now, one game does not a trend make. But there were hundreds of seats unsold Monday and there are hundreds for sale for Thursday night's game against the Florida Panthers.

"Given the longevity of the sellouts, one has to wonder if this is a sign of things to come," said Richard Powers, senior lecturer at the Rotman School of Management at the University of Toronto. "That has to be a question at Maple Leafs Sports and Entertainment today."

Sellouts and over-capacity crowds have long been the norm at the Air Canada Centre, home to hockey's biggest and wealthiest fan base. Only on a handful of occasions has the team not reached the 18,819 hockey capacity at the ACC since the facility opened in 1999. It happened a few times in 1999, and once in 2002 (Oct. 31, against Atlanta, 18,727). It didn't happen again until the fourth game of this season when 18,754 showed up for a game against Colorado.

> **This could be the start of an exodus**
> Richard Powers, senior lecturer at the Rotman School of Management at the University of Toronto

On and off the record, the message from Maple Leafs Sports and Entertainment executives was largely the same: Nothing to see here, move along.

"Our fans continue to stand behind the Leafs, and the fact that a Monday night game towards the end of the season is just two per cent under capacity is actually a strong indicator of how great our fans have been this season," said Dave Hopkinson, MLSE's chief commercial officer.

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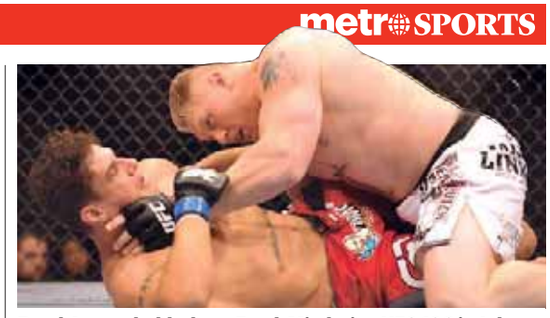

Brock Lesnar holds down Frank Mir during UFC 100 in July 2009. Lesnar features in the main event of Wrestlemania this Sunday in San Francisco. JON KOPALOFF/GETTY IMAGES FILE

MMA

It's squared circle for Lesnar from now on

Former UFC heavyweight champion Brock Lesnar has ruled out a return to mixed martial arts, ending three years of speculation about the biggest pay-per-view star in the sport's history.

Lesnar announced he had re-signed with the WWE in an interview on ESPN's SportsCenter on Tuesday.

Lesnar tells The Associated Press he was in training for a UFC return as recently as last week despite his conflicted feelings about it. He finally decided to stick with professional wrestling only in the past two days.

Lesnar says he turned down an offer worth "10 times" what he was making earlier in his MMA career.

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BASEBALL

Hunter homer helps Twins past Blue Jays

MLB spring training

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TWINS	JAYS

After Torii Hunter hit his first home run in a Minnesota Twins uniform since 2007, manager Paul Molitor greeted him in the dugout with a sly message.

"Remember how you did it," Molitor said after Hunter hit a three-run shot Tuesday in the Twins' 6-5 win over the Toronto Blue Jays.

The 39-year-old Hunter signed a one-year, $10.5 million deal to return to the Twins, a team he left after the 2007 season.

Hunter had just two extra-base hits, a pair of doubles, through his first 25 at-bats before connecting on an 82 mph breaking ball.

The Jays' Todd Redmond gave up one run and one hit over three innings in his first spring training start.

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IN BRIEF

Richest fight in boxing history getting richer

The first ticket has yet to be sold, but the richest fight in boxing history is getting richer by the day.

New estimates show Floyd Mayweather Jr.'s payoff for fighting Manny Pacquiao could easily be $180 million, up substantially from earlier predictions of $120 million. Pacquiao gets the short end of the purse, but even that is expected to be well over $100 million. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Manny Pacquiao GETTY IMAGES

Edmonton, Vancouver to update World Cup turf

The ruckus over the use of artificial turf at the Women's World Cup may not have sparked a switch to grass.

But it has likely played a part in improving some of the turf. Changes to the surface at Edmonton's Commonwealth Stadium had already been announced and B.C. Place Stadium is also getting a new surface in time for the summer tournament.

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Testosterone trouble for female sprinter

Dutee Chand at the Asian Athletics Championship in Pune, India in July 2013.
MANJUNATH KIRAN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

GENDER

Hormone level could leave woman out of running

Every elite athlete is an intriguing combination of great genetics and the ability and determination to make the most of what he or she was born with.

That's why the case of Dutee Chand, being heard at the Court of Arbitration for Sport this week, is groundbreaking and, to many, deeply troubling.

The international governing body for athletics, the IAAF, has decided that Chand was born with too much of a good thing and so can't be allowed to compete with women.

The 19-year-old Indian sprinter has a condition called hyperandrogenism and her body naturally produces testosterone at such high levels that the athletics body considers her to be male.

James Bunting, a sports law expert at Toronto's Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg, is appealing her ban from competition and challenging the gender test itself.

That means the case — being held behind closed doors in Lausanne, Switzerland — will determine not only Chand's athletic future but that of other women who, according to the IAAF, "display masculine traits and have an uncommon athletic capacity in relation to their fellow competitors."

> **"For the most part, these tests are triggered by men not liking the way women look**
> The University of Toronto's Bruce Kidd, a prominent sports policy adviser

Sport authorities have long tried to ensure a level playing field, but this goes a step too far, said Paul Greene, an American sports lawyer who is familiar with the case.

"The world anti-doping code regulates what you can take to have an unfair advantage by adding to what you're born with, but now we're trying to regulate what you're born with," Greene said.

And, crucially, only for female athletes.

While the IAAF has drawn a line in the sand for how much natural testosterone a female athlete can have, there is no upper or lower limit to what a male athlete can have, he said.

"Some of the highest performing, best athletes in the world who are men have a higher level of testosterone and that's part of what makes them so good. But a woman who has a higher level compared to other women can't compete, and that is discriminatory."

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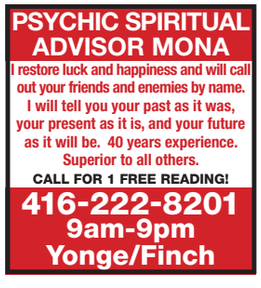
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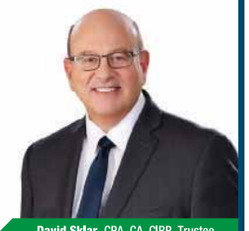
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2. Add the oil to a large, non-stick pot and set over medium heat. Add the onion and garlic and sauté for about 4 minutes. Add the red pepper and sauté for another 2 minutes. Add the potato, stock, chili sauce and corn mixture. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to low and simmer, covered, for about 15 minutes or until the potato is tender.

3. Whisk together the flour and milk in a small bowl and gradually add to the soup. Add the salt and pepper. Simmer, stirring occasionally for 3 minutes or until slightly thickened and heated through. Serve in bowls, and garnish with parsley.

Ingredients
- 2 cups corn niblets (canned or fresh)
- 1 1/2 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 1/2 tsp finely chopped garlic
- 1/2 cup chopped red bell pepper
- 1 cup peeled and diced potato
- 2 1/2 cups chicken stock
- 1/2 tsp hot chili sauce (or finely chopped jalapeño pepper)
- 2 tsp all-purpose flour
- 1 cup canned evaporated milk (2%)
- pinch of salt and pepper
- 3 tbsp chopped parsley

Nutrition
- Calories 211
- Protein 10 g
- Carbohydrates 35 g
- Fibre 3.9 g
- Total fat 3.7 g
- Saturated fat 0.9 g
- Cholesterol 5 mg
- Sodium 565 mg

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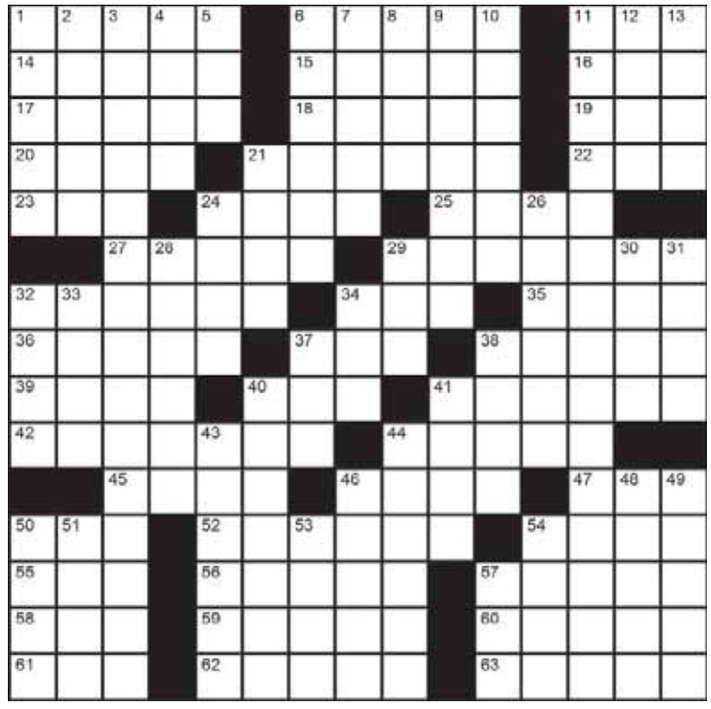

ACROSS
1. Steve Martin/Lily Tomlin movie, "__ __ Me" (1984)
6. Joanne __, Hamilton-born 3x Olympic swimmer
11. "__ so fast!"
14. Dip the feathered pen again
15. Cherish
16. Sense organ
17. Molten rock
18. __ __' Roses (Rock band)
19. Which person?
20. Journey's "__ __ Should Break Your Heart"
21. __ Lake (Ontario community near North Bay)
22. Protrude
23. Clock setting in St. John's, commonly
24. Agreement
25. Ms. Campbell
27. 1965 Beatles chart-topper
29. Hairstylist giving a customer the 1970s feathered look, say
32. Handsome fellow of ancient Greek mythology
34. Friend
35. Q-to-V link
36. "Irma la __" (1963)
37. Energy
38. John __ (Tractor company)
39. Pet Shop Boys' "__ __ Sin"
40. Swerve
41. More ashen
42. Slayer of the Minotaur
44. Circular
45. Stink
46. Vintage video game
47. Second sight, shortly
50. In favour
52. Lisa of "The Addams Family"
54. Iris spot
55. Currency in Romania
56. J.M. for Joni Mitchell, briefly
57. Del Shannon's "Little Town __"
58. Granola morsel
59. "Nifty!"
60. Chesterfield __ (Municipality in Nunavut)
61. __-trial
62. __ Exchange Building (Winnipeg landmark)
63. Toronto-born lead singer of #6-Down

DOWN
1. Actor, __ Mueller-Stahl
2. Toronto hockey players
3. Drivers can scenically traverse it in Nova Scotia: 2 wds.
4. "It's __ __." (I'm paying)
5. __ __ twigs (British singer)
6. As per #63-Across... Juno-winning "Rude" band
7. Grown-up
8. Capital of Eng.
9. Stash of weapons
10. Tom __, President of Hockey Canada
11. NHL team co-head-coached by two Canadians: 3 wds.
12. Hawaiian island
13. Jog
21. Faucets
24. Ballet move
26. Ben __, Tony-winning star of Pippin
28. Box in
29. Swimmer's circuit
30. Raison d'__
31. Repenter
32. Mine entrance
33. Bible verb
34. Church seat
37. Not in Nice?
38. Narcotic
40. Denizen of Whitehorse's locale
41. Percussion instrument
43. Activity involving a Moray, say
44. Music producer Mark
46. __ Palace (Florence, Italy attraction)
48. More dry
49. Ms. LaBelle
50. Ice cube into water sound
51. Back
53. US music trade org.
54. Arm bone
57. Fish's paddle

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You feel you could take on the world and win but Saturn warns there are a number of duties and responsibilities you must deal with before you are free to express yourself.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Venus in your sign makes the world look a kinder place, but don't be fooled. Your attitude to those around you may have softened but you still need to take care.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Something will take you by surprise today and you have only yourself to blame. The signs have been there for some time and you should have seen it coming.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
As Saturn links with the Sun today your natural caution will work in your favour. While others are bigging it up and throwing their money around you will be quietly making plans.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You will solve a riddle that has been bugging you for ages — and will kick yourself when you realize just how simple the answer is. You may experience many such moments over the next few days.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Something will happen over the next 24 hours that gives you the opportunity to show how tough you are. Make sure people know you should never be taken for granted.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
One of the things you are good at is inspiring people to improve themselves and over the next few days you will help at least one friend do more and do better. Good on you.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You will be tempted to make a major decision today, even though you don't yet know all the facts. Your impatience could pay off or it could land you in deep water. Be careful.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Someone you live or work with will get the wrong end of the stick today and blame you for something that is not your fault. By all means clear your name but don't hold it against them. Everyone makes mistakes.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Venus in your fellow Earth sign of Taurus makes it much easier to express your feelings. Just be careful you don't become infatuated. Your passion could cause problems.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You may be in a fun-loving mood but you also have serious things to consider, things that must be dealt with now. Focus all your attention and energy on them today.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You will reach an important decision concerning your career over the next 24 hours and although not everyone will agree with the route you choose you know it is the right one for you.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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